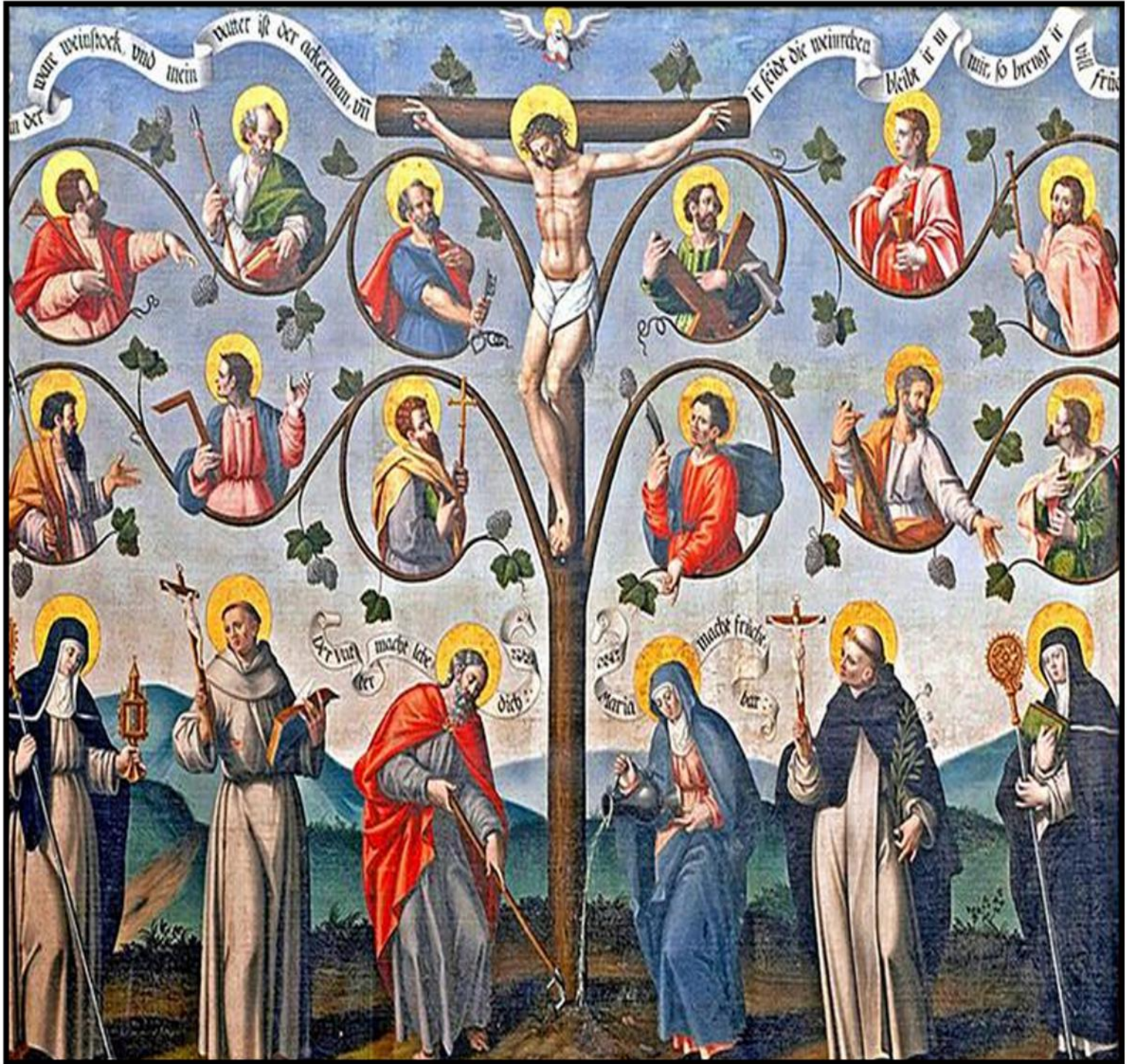


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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 28, 2024

### Saturday, April 27

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. Julia (Pond) Osborne +

### Sunday, April 28

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Steve Wagner +  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

### Monday, April 29

No Public Mass

### Tuesday, April 30

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration  
8:00 a.m. James Lilley +  
8:30 a.m. Confession

### Wednesday, May 1

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession  
7:00 p.m. Alice Pearson

### Thursday, May 2

8:00 a.m. Mary Porrata +

### Friday, May 3

8:30 a.m. Gertie Wyss +  
6:00 p.m. Special Intention

### 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



### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Apr. 29 - Easter Weekday - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church** - Acts 14:5-18 / Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 / Jn 14:21-26

**Tues., Apr. 30 - Easter Weekday - St. Pius V, Pope** - Acts 14:19-28 / Ps 145:10-13ab, 21 / Jn 14:27-31a

**Wed., May 1 - Easter Weekday - St. Joseph the Worker** - Acts 15:1-6 / Ps 122:1-5 / Jn 15:1-8

**Thurs., May 2 - Easter Weekday - St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** - Acts 15:7-21 / Ps 96:1-3, 10 / Jn 15:9-11

**Fri., May 3 - Easter Weekday - Sts. Philip and James, Apostles** - 1 Cor 15:1-8 / Ps 19:2-5 / Jn 14:6-14

**Sat., May 4 - Easter Weekday** - Acts 16:1-10 / Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 / Jn 15:18-21

**Sun., May 5 - Sixth Sunday of Easter** - Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / Ps 98:1-4 / 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17

This weekend (April 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Fifth Sunday of Easter**. Narratively, this Sunday marks a shift in our **Easter** readings. Our previous weekends focused on the concrete events surrounding Jesus' appearances following His resurrection. From today onward, our readings focus on Jesus' teaching about His impending ascension and the gift of the Holy Spirit to be sent onto the Apostles as Pentecost.

Narratively, our Gospel parable of the vine and the branches comes from the fifteenth chapter of St. John's Gospel. This is in the midst of the Last Supper Discourse and concludes with the Lord being taken away for trial. In this way he is preparing the Apostles for His departure. Though this parable is not speaking specifically to the Ascension, the message remains the same: Our unity is found in the Lord, who is the "true vine."

This becomes a fitting Gospel theme in preparation for the **Ascension** and **Pentecost**: Remaining United in Christ. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, "*the fundamental background for the Parable of the Vine is Baptism: we are implanted in Christ; and the Eucharist: we are one loaf, one body, one blood, one life with Christ.*" In Baptism and in the Eucharist we remain united and nourished as members of the one body that is the Body of Christ, the Church.

Our bulletin cover this weekend is a painting entitled "*Christ the True Vine*" from the Basilica of St. Castor in Karden, Germany. The artist equates the vine with the tree of the cross; the Apostles with the branches sprouting from the cross; God the Father at the foot of the cross-tree, tending to its roots; the Blessed Virgin on the other side, watering the sacred tree; Beneath the tree is an assortment of great saints, aspiring to the sanctity to which we are called.

### ROSARY PATH AND SPRINGTIME

As the Spring weather continues to settle in, we find ourselves spending more time outside. As a reminder, our Rosary Path is a wonderful place to spend time in prayer and contemplation in the midst of the beauty of creation. We also have the parish playground right near the Rosary Path with several benches and a picnic table available for use. Never hesitate to stop over and spend some time at our beautiful campus throughout the week.

If you are interested in helping to upkeep the Rosary Path throughout this Spring and Summer, please contact the Parish Office (260-824-1380). As you might expect, the path can use some weeding and general gardening throughout the growing seasons. Our general grounds crew offers basic upkeep to the Rosary Path as they maintain the full campus, but it's always open for extra care from those at the parish who enjoy gardening or yardwork.

### ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER FEAST DAY - WEDNESDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>

On Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Church celebrates the **Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker**. This is one of two feast days throughout the Church year that specifically celebrates our parish patron, St. Joseph. (*The other feast day is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary on March 19<sup>th</sup>.*) This feast day is itself a more modern addition to our liturgical calendar, added by Pope Pius XII in 1955.

Pius XII's action followed in the footsteps of his predecessor, Pope Pius XI, who called upon St. Joseph to protect the whole Church from the errors of communion in 1937. Because of this, St. Joseph was often invoked in support of the cause of workers' rights. This culminated with Pius XII's institution of this feast day as an acknowledgement of "*the humble workman of Nazareth*" who showed forth "*the dignity of the man who works with his hands.*"

The choice of May 1<sup>st</sup> as the day of this feast day is itself also tied to the dignity of human work. While May 1st, or "*May Day*," was not originally a religious or political holiday, it was designed as "*Communist Worker's Day*" in the mid-20th Century in a number of countries. In response to this, Pius XII invoked St. Joseph the Worker as a way of denouncing the falsehoods of communism while elevating the dignity of workers in a very specific way.



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.

## Praise & Worship Holy Hour



Wednesday, May 1st - 6:00 - 7:00 PM



**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**, May 3, 2024  
(Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

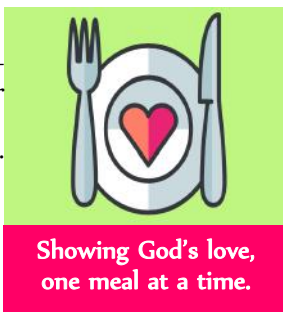
Mass at 6:00 p.m. (ad orientem)

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

*"Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us and on the whole world".*

### ST. JOSEPH'S MEAL TRAIN MINISTRY

Our Meal Train Ministry provides meal support after surgeries, child-birth, illnesses, or family loss. If you have a passion for cooking and a desire to help others, we invite you to join our Meal Train Ministry. Please send your contact information to the St. Joseph email address at [stjosephchurch@adamswells.com](mailto:stjosephchurch@adamswells.com). And you will be contacted by Beth Gordon and Sherry Makowski.



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### PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., April 27** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., April 28** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., April 28** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m. (last class until September)
- **Tues., April 30** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., May 1** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., May 1** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Wed., May 1** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Thurs., May 2** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., May 3** - Mass 8:30 a.m. / Adoration 9:00-6:00 p.m. / Mass 6:00 p.m. (ad orientem)
- **Sat., May 4** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., May 4** - Confession 4-4:45 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.

### Weekend of May 4 & 5



**5:00** Nick Boratenski  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** Adult Choir



**5:00** Bruce Holland  
**7:30** Sarah McCorkle  
**10:00** Monica Harris



**5:00** N/A  
**7:30** N/A  
**10:00** Kevin/Jessica Seago, Diana Cole



**5:00** Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer  
**7:30** Spencer McCorkle, Philip Mayer, Angela or James Mayer  
**10:00** Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith, Luke Miller

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of April 20/21

Adult Envelopes- \$2,972.00  
Loose- \$395.21  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$275.72  
K of C Reimbursement- \$58.30  
**Total- \$3,701.23**

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

We are **\$75.67** behind our budget for the month of April.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-  
\$1,030.00

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

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL  
Over Goal Payment- \$16,522.64

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

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, May 5, 2024

Please keep these young men in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion.

- Danny Decker, son of Jess and Nichole Decker
- Lincoln Fosnaugh, son of Charles and Jessica Fosnaugh
- Evan Howell, son of Brett and Amy Howell
- Landen Lautzenheiser, son of Dan and Sahara Lautzenheiser
- Frederick (Fritz) Miller, son of Jeff and Julayne Miller
- Barrett Wisenbaker, son of Ben and Morgan Wisenbaker



A special 'Thank you' to Kevin and Jessica Seago, Catechists, for preparing these children to receive Jesus in the Eucharist on their First Holy Communion.



### 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 p.m.

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

"Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."  
 - St. John Paul II

Before you speak....

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