

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## The month of **May** is dedicated to *The Blessed Virgin Mary*

During this month, we offer up to Mary an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.



Because of Mary's singular cooperation with the action of the Holy Spirit, the Church loves to pray in communion with the Virgin Mary, **to magnify** with her the great things the Lord has done for her, and **to entrust** supplications and praises to her.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2682



## Mary is the perfect "Orans" (pray-er)...

When we pray to her, we are adhering with her to the plan of the Father, who sends his Son to save all men.. **We can pray with and to her.** The prayer of the Church is sustained by the prayer of Mary and united with it in hope.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2679



The custom of dedicating the month of May to Mary started at the end of the 13<sup>th</sup> century. It became especially popular among Jesuit students that it spread to the whole Church by 1700.

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"The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is **intrinsic** to Christian worship."

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 971

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin Mary too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, O.F.M. CONV.

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### Monday, May 10

No Morning Mass

### Tuesday, May 11

No Adoration or Morning Mass today

### Wednesday, May 12

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Charles Ault +

### Thursday, May 13

8:00 a.m. Trent Patterson +

### Friday, May 14

8:30 a.m. Tom Cincotta +

### Saturday, May 15

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Alfred Gordon +

### Sunday, May 16

#### - The Ascension of the Lord / Seventh Sunday of Easter -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Jean Steele +  
12:05 p.m. Rosary  
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., May 10 - St. Damien de Veuster,**

**Priest** - Acts 16:11-15/ Jn 15:26-16:4a

**Tues., May 11 - Easter Weekday** - Acts

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

**Wed., May 12 - Easter Weekday - Sts. Ner-**

**eus and Achilles, Martyrs; St. Pancras,**

**Matyr** - Acts 17:15,22-18:1/ Jn 16:12-15

**Thurs., May 13 - Easter Weekday - Our**

**Lady of Fatima** - Acts 18:1-8/ Jn 16:16-20

**Fri., May 14 - Easter Weekday - St. Mat-**

**thias, Apostle** - Acts 1:15-17,20-26/ Jn 15:9-17

**Sat., Apr. May 15 - Easter Weekday - St.**

**Isidore** - Acts 18:23-28/ Jn 16:23b-28

**Sun., May 16 - The Ascension of the Lord** -

Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7,11-13/ Mk 16:15-20

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 9, 2021

**Happy Mother's Day** to all of the mothers of our parish! Whether the mother of a child, a grandmother, an adoptive mother, a godmother, a spiritual mother, and all those who share in the vocation of motherhood, know of our love and gratitude for you, not only on this day, but everyday. We commend you to the prayers of our Blessed Mother Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, and give thanks to God for the way that you fulfill your vocation.

We also remember all those women who long to share in this celebration. For those who experience the cross of infertility, know that we pray for you today, and that we love and support you! Many more people experience this reality than we imagine. Know that you are not alone!

We pray today as well for all expectant mothers, especially those for whom the choice loving to accept their child was not easy. We are grateful for their witness to life! Regardless of their circumstances, we should lovingly embrace all mothers who choose life for their children and support them in their efforts.

In the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis: In the journey of life, *let us allow ourselves to be taken by the hand. Mothers take their children by the hand and lovingly introduce them to life... We need to learn from mothers that heroism is shown in self-giving, strength in compassion, wisdom in meekness.*

### UPDATED LITURGICAL DIRECTIVES - DISINFECTING PEWS AND USHERS

As previously noted, Bishop Rhoades, after consultation with various medical specialists, recognized the extreme rarity of both surface and water-borne transmission of the novel coronavirus. Armed with this knowledge, our diocese allowed the return of hymnals to the pews and the refilling of Holy Water fonts. In addition to these allowance, parishes have also received updated guidelines on how to best disinfect pews and how often to do so.

Following our diocesan guidelines and now knowing of the extreme rarity of surface transmission, we will no longer individually wipe down the pews with Clorox Wipes after each Mass. Instead, we will be making use of a disinfecting spray, which, while just as effective as Clorox Wipes, is less damaging to the pews. The pews will be disinfected prior to our weekend Masses and, if able to arrange the assistance of enough volunteers, between weekend Masses.

With this movement forward, we are also now ready to resume having **Ushers** serving at each of our weekend Masses. Ushers serve as the welcoming face of the parish, greeting each person as they enter the church building. Ushers also assist individuals in finding seating among the pews, especially if the church is particularly full, can assist parishioners with any specific individual needs that might arise, and distribute bulletins after each Mass has concluded.

If you would be willing to serve as an Usher for the weekend Mass that you normally attend, please either see the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact the Parish Office.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

***Note:** Due to my schedule this week, there will be no daily Adoration, Mass, or Confessions this Tuesday, May 11th. I apologize for the inconvenience.*



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





## ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING

The St. Joseph Women's Group will meet Tuesday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rosary Path. All women of St. Joseph's Parish are invited and welcome to attend.

### UPDATE PARISH RECORDS AFTER ALL MASSES WEEKEND OF MAY 22/23

We strive to maintain good parish records and need your help in doing so. The weekend of May 22 and 23 you will have an opportunity to update your registration to the parish. Sometimes we make changes to our phone number, email address, emergency contact, etc., and did not think to contact the Parish office to make these necessary changes, so we wanted to make it convenient for you! If you are new to the area and would like to join the St. Joseph Parish Family, Registration Forms will be available for you to fill out.

**UPDATE YOUR INFO**

## American Red Cross

Sunday, June 27 \* 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. \* Parish gym

### PARISH CALENDAR

- 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 - No Adoration or Morning Mass today.**
- Tues., May 11 - St. Joseph Women's Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Rosary Path.
- 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.
- Sun., May 16 - Discussion Forum- The Papacy - 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Tues., May 18 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Wed., May 19 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., May 19 - Discussion Forum- The Papacy- following 7:00 evening Mass in the Parish Social Hall.
- Sat., May 22 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., May 22 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., May 23 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sat., and Sun., May 22 and 23 - Registration Update weekend after all Masses.
- Tues., May 25 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Wed., May 26 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.



## OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL MAY 15/16 WEEKEND.

Mike Lautzenheiser and Dave Huss attended their last Parish Council meeting on May 5, 2021 after serving

on the council for many years. On the weekend of May 15 and 16 you will have an opportunity to nominate yourself or someone else to serve on the Parish Council. What is involved in serving on the Parish Council? The Parish Council serves to advise the parish Priest about pastoral matters. They meet the first Wednesday of each month following the 7:00 evening Mass for approximately one hour. Please take this time to prayerfully consider if you yourself would like to serve as a member of the St. Joseph Parish Council or know of someone you think would and fill out the insert in next weekend's bulletin.



### DISCUSSION FORUM - The Papacy

Join Fr. David for a Discussion Forum - The Papacy, on Sunday, May 16, 8:30-9:30 a.m. and also on Wednesday, May 19 following 7:00 evening Mass in the Parish Social Hall. The forum will also be live-streamed if you are unable to attend in person.

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report May 1/2 Weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$2,394.00  
Child Envelopes- \$0  
Loose- \$166.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,621.66  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$320.00  
Votive Candles- \$141.22  
Easter Offering- \$10.00  
Ascension- \$20.00

**Total- \$4,672.88**

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

We are \$443.52 *behind* our budget for the month of May.

### April Online Giving- \$5,505.00

We were \$11,717.36 *ahead* of our budget for the month of April.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$60.00

*Thank you for your gifts  
to St. Joseph's!*

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### ST. JOSEPH'S CORNER

#### *Joseph Most Just*

Joseph was first and foremost just unto God, rendering to Him what was His due. Since all things are due to God, Joseph was perfectly religious in prayer, in labor, and in love giving to God, even as an infant, the energy of his whole life.

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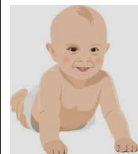
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you "un-pregnant", it  
makes you the mother  
of a dead child.

Before you speak....

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n - is it necessary?  
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