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May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Crowning of Mary

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A Sister Parish with St. Joseph, Crestline

Intentions

Tuesday

6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: For the People of Sacred Heart Parish

Wednesday

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Francis Stroup

Thursday

5:30 pm - Confession at St. Joseph

6:30 pm - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Terri Samples

Friday

8:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: For the People of St. Joseph Parish

Saturday

3:30 pm - Confession at SHJ

4:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: For all Mothers and those fulfilling that role

Sunday



Ascension of the Lord

7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intentions: John DiPietro, Joseph DiPietro

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: For all Mothers and those fulfilling that role

10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Bob & Marilyn Martin, Barb Ruhe

Dear Parishioners,

God is good all the time! Here at Sacred Heart School we are reminded time and time again that God is good all the time. I would like to highlight some of our activities that are happening in May. Please understand we will still be working towards mastering our academic skills as well as other growth opportunities. Throughout the busy month of May, there are many opportunities that we encounter firsthand that shows us God is good all the time.

On **May 8th** we will celebrate May Crowning as a student body! Isabella was selected to crown Mary. She wrote a beautiful essay on how Mary is relevant in her life. Students will also bring flowers in honor of Mary during our May Crowning.

On **May 13th** Join the students of Sacred Heart School for our annual Green Grass Gala and Art Show @ 6:30pm. This event will showcase our students musical and artistic talents in song, instruments and media. All are invited to attend this outdoor event. It will take place in the yard on the east side of the gym (the kickball field). Please bring a blanket or a lawn chair to sit on. In our gym we will be having an art show which will showcase the different art media that our students worked with throughout the year. The Gala and Art Show rain date is May 20th @ 6:30pm.

On **May 14th and 15th** our Academic Challenge students are having their final meets for the school year. Did you know that we had 30 students participate in this academic competition throughout the school year? There were several matches that we won! This year we were very competitive! It was great to watch our students at matches. They were so excited! What a great opportunity to share their knowledge.

On **May 16th** Our 5th/6th grade students will attend the DARE Rally. We are very fortunate to have Deputy Martin explain the importance of saying NO to drugs. This is a lifelong lesson.

On **May 19th** all are welcome to celebrate us at our 8th grade Graduation Mass. Everyone is invited to stay after mass for the award ceremony. Thank you to our 8th grade parents for their continuous support of Catholic Education!

May 22nd is our last day of school. What a great year we had. We shared many personal best moments, academic and spiritual growth, a few tears and many smiles and laughs. Our school is a safe, encouraging place where students are loved, challenged and have the opportunity to keep excelling academically, spiritually and personally.

God is good all the time!

God Bless, Lisa Myers

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Wednesday, May 8th. School May Crowning & Mass

Saturday, May 11th.

Sunday, May 12th.

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(Please check Ministry Scheduler Pro for the most up to date assignments)

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LECTOR

Rebekah Weber

COUNTERS

TBD

Bible Readings for the Week of May 5, 2024



Monday

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, Ps 98:1-4, 1Jn 4:7-10, Jn 15:9-17

Tuesday

Acts 16:11-15, Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b, Jn 15:26-16:4a

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1, Ps 148:1-2, 11-14, Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

Acts 18:1-8, Ps 98:1-4, Jn 16:16-20

Friday

Acts 18:9-18, Ps 47:2-7, Jn 16:20-23a

Saturday

Acts 18:23-28, Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday

Acts 1:1-11, Ps 47:2-3, 6-9, Eph 1:17-23, Mk 16:15-20

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May Crowning reflects the beauty of the mystery it evokes. Honoring Mary crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth as it is said in the fifth glorious mystery. By crowning Mary, we are presenting it physically. Mary is the Queen of Heaven and Earth and we associate queens with crowns. But why in May? May is an appropriate month because of all the liturgical calendar celebrations both past and present. During May we have several feast days honoring Mary. We celebrate Our Lady Queen of Apostles the Saturday following Ascension. On May 13th. we celebrate Our Lady the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Fatima. On May 20th. We celebrate The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. On May 24th. We celebrate Mary, Help of Christians. May is truly the month of Mary!

taken from: saintscjm.com/blog

Festival Sponsors Needed



If you are interested in being a patron sponsor or have an item to donate to the Mega Raffle for this year's festival (July 28) please call the parish office or drop a note in the collection. Your name will appear for advertising on the back of the ticket. Thank you for your support!

F.I.S.H. Wish List:

Most needed items: Kidney beans, tuna helper, egg noodles and snack bars.
Thank you!

U.S. Postage Service Annual Food Drive
May 11th.
Benefits local food pantries!

Crowning our Blessed Mother:

Saturday: Maxine Niese

Sunday: Lillian Niese

Thank you!



Green Grass Gala

Please join us on **May 13th.** At 6:30pm for a concert on the lawn, showcasing our school's music program and our talented school children! Please bring your own seating.

* Rain date is May 20th.

May Meeting Dates



Pastoral Council: May 14th.

School Advisory: May 21st.

Finance Council: May 28th.

* Please notify your group moderator if your term is up or if you will be unavailable to serve 2024-2025.
Thank you!



Join Fr. Jeff on **Wednesday June 5th.** @ 7pm at Cinemark Theatre, Ontario for a special Fathom Movie Event entitled: "Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist". In the movie, we embark on a global journey to rediscover and revive the transformative power of the Eucharist. Sacred Heart Parishioner, Sean Beeson's music is featured.

Check: fathomevents.com for alternative showing times and to purchase tickets

Keep an eye on the bulletin board for family friendly events at the Marvin Memorial Library!

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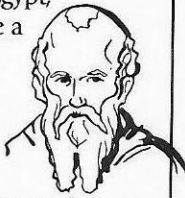
Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Rev. Jeff Smith, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Athanasius of Alexandria

Born a Christian in Egypt, St. Athanasius became a priest and a great defender of the Catholic faith. Recognized for his intelligence and holiness, he was chosen to be secretary to Bishop Alexander of Alexandria, and later succeeded him as bishop. Because of the terrible persecutions and political climate, he was exiled several times during his office. For the rest of his life, St. Athanasius worked to defend the divinity of Christ. He died in 373.



Stress and surrender

Stress can result from feeling powerless in difficulties, yet change isn't always up to us. Knowing when to step back and surrender can actually bring peace. Turning to God with trust gives us the power to navigate life's challenges with faith and serenity.

"St. Joseph the Worker stands as a symbol of quiet strength and faithfulness, teaching us that in the ordinariness of our work, we honor God in profound ways." Pope Francis



Spread the Gospel like Our Lady

On the feast of the Visitation (May 31), we celebrate when Mary carried the Good News of our salvation to Saints Elizabeth and Zechariah – that God took on our humanity to fulfill His promise of salvation. Today, we're also called to bring the same Good News as Mary did:

Be filled with Christ's presence:

Jesus indwells in us (John 15:5) to empower us for mission. This is accomplished through the Sacraments – Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation. We need to offer God our open, receptive, and attentive hearts.

Become a quiet witness: Mary "kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). Emulate her quiet witness by living with deep faith and

trust in God's plan, letting your actions demonstrate the strength of your beliefs.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord: Mary's *Magnificat* recalls the ways God answered the needs of His

people, culminating in the coming of His

Son. Can you articulate your own

Magnificat – recounting God's loving

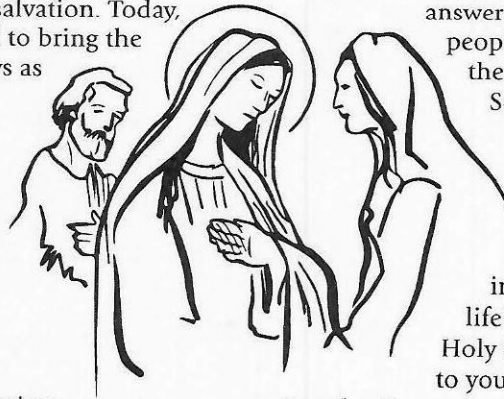
intervention in your

life? If not, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal it

to you so you can share

it with others.

Serve with humble love: After receiving the news that she was to become the mother of the eternal King, Mary rushed to St. Elizabeth's side to serve her. Look for ways to imitate our humble Queen. Serve with love.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why is Pentecost the "birthday of the Church?"

Pentecost is referred to as the "birthday of the Church" because it marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, empowering them to preach the Gospel across nations, effectively initiating the spread of

Christianity. This event, occurring fifty days after Easter, symbolizes the

Church's emergence as a global community united under the teachings of Christ. It

celebrates the moment when the Apostles began to baptize

thousands, leading to the rapid growth of the Christian faith.



Four steps to inner peace

In the Catholic tradition, developing inner peace is deeply intertwined with spiritual practices and faith in God's plan. This journey involves key elements that help us find serenity and resilience amidst life's challenges.

Prayer is fundamental. Through regular prayer, we communicate with God, seeking guidance and strength. Heartfelt prayer fosters a deep sense of connection with God, helping us to alleviate anxiety and promote tranquility.

Sacraments are vital. Participation in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation, are direct encounters with God's grace, which cleanse,



heal, and fortify the soul against the struggles of daily life.

Listen for God's voice. Reading and meditating on the Scriptures provides insights and divine wisdom, helping us to align our thoughts and actions with God's will, thereby fostering a peace that transcends understanding.

Love is key. Jesus asked us to practice forgiveness and charity, which heal and build relationships, creating communities of support and love. Living out these values daily contributes to personal and communal peace, reflecting the Catholic approach to nurturing a peaceful heart.

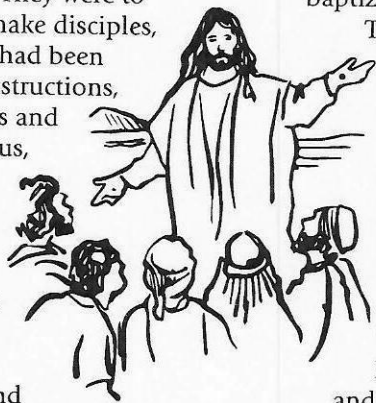
from Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20, The Holy Trinity

Jesus appeared to the Apostles on the mountain in Galilee to give them their final instructions. They were to go forth, baptize, and make disciples, and to teach what they had been taught. These are our instructions, too. Once we meet Jesus and experience His love for us, we can't keep Him to ourselves. We must proclaim Him.

Jesus also revealed to the Apostles, and to the crowd gathered with them, that God is a Trinity — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — three Divine Persons united in love. The belief that God is three, yet one, is distinct to

Christianity. When we became members of the Church, we were baptized in the name of the Trinity.



The Trinity is a mystery we may not fully understand, but we can still live in its love and power. We proclaim our faith in it whenever we make the Sign of the Cross: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Our ultimate goal is to follow Christ into the eternal life of the Trinity.

Q & A Do we have to pray the Rosary every day?

Praying a daily Rosary is not required but it is recommended. It is a meditative prayer that facilitates a deeper engagement with the mysteries of Christ's life, alongside the intercessory role of the Virgin Mary.

St. Dominic, who founded the Dominican Order, promoted the

Rosary and credited praying the Rosary with ridding the Church of the Albigensian heresy.



Pope St. Pius V attributed the

miraculous victory of Christian forces at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571 to the Rosary. Since then, many popes have urged us to pray this prayer.

The repetitive nature of the Rosary's prayers, such as the Hail Mary, fosters a meditative state that can lead to a sense of peace. This repetition is not just a mnemonic device but a way to quiet the mind and open the heart to God's guiding voice. Moreover, praying the Rosary is also a way to seek Mary's intercession. As the Mother of Christ, her proximity to Jesus is seen as a powerful aid in bringing our prayers before God.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 9 - The Ascension of the Lord. This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into Heaven. *Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.*

May 10 - St. Damien of Molokai (1889). Born in Belgium in 1840, Joseph de Veuster became Father Damien at the age of 19. He ministered to lepers on the Hawaiian island of Molokai. He died of the disease after serving there for sixteen years. He is the

patron of lepers and outcasts.

May 20 - Mary, Mother of the Church (2018). On the Cross, Jesus gave us His mother to be our mother (John 19:27). Even in Heaven, she prays and cares for us as our spiritual mother.

May 21 - St. Cristóbal Magallanes and Companions (1937). Fr. Christopher Magallanes was part of the Catholic Action Movement in Mexico, resisting the anti-Catholic Mexican government. Despite great persecution, he established a seminary at Totatiche. He and his companions were martyred.



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The flowers at Mary's altar are in honor of Rosemary Keller's birthday and Mother's day from Chuck & Cindy Keller

Theology on Tap

The next Theology on Tap will be on Wednesday, May 15 from 6 - 8 p.m. at The Vault Wine Bar in Shelby, Ohio.

The featured speaker is Katie Dilullo who will be presenting the topic of Saints. Those attending are responsible for paying for their own meal and drink choices.

Theology on Tap is for young adults and those who are young at heart so all are invited to attend! We hope to see you there!



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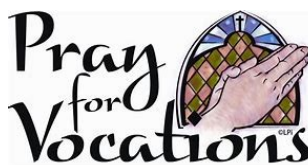
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Thank you!

**Accepting enrollment for the 2024/2025 school year
Sacred Heart School**



We are currently accepting enrollment for 24/25 school year from 3 yr. old preschool through eighth grade. Sacred Heart School is a fully accredited school with the State of Ohio. We offer a nurturing classroom environment where students are able to grow into the person God is calling them to be. We offer multiple scholarships. Mrs. Myers would welcome the opportunity to discuss with you all of the benefits of attending Sacred Heart School. She can be reached at: 419-342-2797 or 419-683-1697 or Lmyers@shelbysacredheart.org.



We are looking for volunteers to take the Vocations Cross and Prayer Booklet for a Month in 2024. (NEED July and beyond.) You may sign up by calling the parish office. July & August would be great opportunity to share these prayers with your school-age children! Thank you!



Thank you! Rick Gosser for the use of your beautiful flower baskets!