

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

May 5	\$2,447
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

*THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD [OBSERVED]*

Sat. May 11	5:00 PM	For †Anna Menefee
Sun. May 12	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. May 13	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. May 14	8:00 AM	For Messingschlager Family (L & †)
Wed. May 15	8:00 AM	For †Heather Adamkiewicz & Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thur. May 16	8:00 AM	For †Kenny Neuspickel [NO ADORATION]
Fri. May 17	8:00 AM	For †Anna Menefee

*PENTECOST SUNDAY*

Sat. May 18	5:00 PM	For †Paul Schmitt
Sun. May 19	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

**PRAYER LIST**—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Verna Payne, Imogene Fisk, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Siegalman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, Randy Goodhew, Sean Timmerding, John Jackson, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), & Pax Minch.

**BIRTHDAYS**—May 3-Marian Messingschlager, May 9-Bill Funke, May 11-Meggy Cooper, May 14 - Richard Messingschlager, May 17-Brenda Baker, May 18– Nathan Thorwarth, May 18– Rosanne Rawe, May 23-Estelle Thorwarth, May 30-Mark Cooper.

**ANNIVERSARY**– May 3-Joe and Kathy Bach

*Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If anyone’s birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda Fryman know.*



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Thursdays—6:00-6:50 PM

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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD [OBSERVED]

MAY 12, 2024

**DPAA REMINDER**—This year's goal for our parish is \$13,000. We have received \$3,175 in pledges and contributions. Pledge envelopes are available if you haven't made your commitment yet or did not receive an envelope in the mail. Thank you for all you do for our parish & diocese.

**MASS INTENTIONS**—Feel free to submit any and all Mass intention requests. There are lots of available dates if you would like to request a specific date. Remember that you can have Masses offered for the living as well as the deceased.

**CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE**—The annual Cross the Bridge for Life event will be on Saturday, **June 1 at 10 AM**. Registration and t-shirt pick up is at 9 AM. You must register by May 13 to receive a free t-shirt. You can get more info or register at [WWW.CROSSTHEBRIDGEFORLIFE.ORG](http://WWW.CROSSTHEBRIDGEFORLIFE.ORG).

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**—This weekend sees the start of the Baby Bottle Campaign. Don't forget to grab a bottle or two to fill with coins, bills, or a check in support of the Care Net Pregnancy group. The collection will end Father's Day weekend in June.

**MAY 12**—May Crowning & First Holy Communion of Emerson Rawe and Celia Cooper. We also celebrate Addelynn Hummel who made her First Holy Communion at St. Cecilia with her classmates. We will have a First Communion cake with which to celebrate after Mass.

**MAY 19**—We will have a pancake breakfast to celebrate Pentecost, the end of Sunday School, and awards for our children. Please plan to stay after Mass and have a delicious breakfast.

**SAVE THE DATE!**—The date for this year's festival will be **September 22**.

**LECTOR**— May 12-Rita Funke

**CLEANING** – May-Lisa and Jeanne Cooper



## FROM THE PASTOR – MARY AND THE EUCHARIST

The month of May has long been devoted to Mary, perhaps due to the great blossoming of flowers during this month. We celebrate her in a special way, usually with May crownings and processions. Mary gives us the best example of how to live the Christian life, because she was most united to her Son in everything she did. It is this fidelity which allows her to be the best person to demonstrate to us the joy and the value of receiving the Eucharist worthily.

May is also the usual time for children to make their first Holy Communion. Since Easter is the great celebration of the triumph of the Risen Christ over all our enemies, it has been the most important season for receiving the Eucharist. The new converts to the faith receive for the first time at the Easter Vigil as they are given the sacraments of initiation. In fact, the law of the Church requires Catholics to receive Holy Communion once a year during the Easter season. This law remains in force even in our day, so be sure that you fulfill this important obligation before Pentecost Sunday.

Mary is unique in being able to receive Jesus in the most personal way possible as her Son. This means that God dwelt within her blessed womb for nine months. How much closer to God can you get? Yet she was also worthy after His Ascension to receive Him in the Most Holy Eucharist. The humble Mother of God truly demonstrates to us how to worship and receive this most sacred gift of Christ whenever we approach the altar. It is not in arrogance or entitlement that we should frame our minds for receiving Holy Communion, but humility and thankfulness.

Pope Benedict XVI wrote in his apostolic exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis* that:

Consequently, every time we approach the Body and Blood of Christ in the eucharistic liturgy, we also turn to [Mary] who, by her complete fidelity, received Christ's sacrifice for the whole Church... She is the Immaculata, who receives God's gift unconditionally and is thus associated with his work of salvation. Mary of Nazareth, icon of the nascent Church, is the model for each of us, called to receive the gift that Jesus makes of himself in the Eucharist.

Let us pray for all children who are receiving their first Holy Communion this year, that they may grow in response to this tremendous gift which they are beginning to receive. Let us consider our own reception of the Eucharist, so that we may receive so that we may be transformed and become more like Jesus and Mary, the two people most united to God and to us.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*