

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (OBSERVED)

Sat. May 20	5:00 PM	For †Helen Bach
Sun. May 21	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. May 22	8:00 AM	For Maybalee (Living)
Tue. May 23	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK—SCHOOL EXAMS
Wed. May 24	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK—SCHOOL EXAMS
Thur. May 25	8:00 AM	For † Grandpa Sternkorb (NO ADORATION THIS WEEK)
Fri. May 26	8:00 AM	For †David Sternkorb
<i>PENTECOST SUNDAY</i>		
Sat. May 27	5:00 PM	For Pauline Hughes and Jerry Nieheisel (Living)
Sun. May 28	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Bonita & Jim Happe, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson, Verna Payne, Roger High, Johnathan Briggs, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes. Bill Schneider (In Storypoint Assisted Living, 9255 US 42, Apt. 44, Union, KY. 41091), Ree Wagner, Randy Goodhew, and Joanne Schlacter.

BIRTHDAYS—May 3-Marian Messingschlager, May 9-Bill Funke, May 11-Meggie 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.

ANNIVERSARIES—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 you birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda 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—6:00-7:00 PM

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MAY 21, 2023

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL COLLECTION—For the next two weeks we will have a special collection basket out for the benefit of a nearby family who lost everything when their house burned down a few weeks ago. They are Jerry and Kim Hicks who also have a son who is in high school. They lived just a few miles from church on Kenton Station Rd. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you for your help.

BIBLE STUDIES—Matthew Wiseman continues to lead our bible study series which meets at church at 6:30 PM on Mondays. Don't miss this. It is very enlightening as Matthew is so knowledgeable about theology.

DPAA 2023—As of this bulletin our parish has pledged or collected \$4,880. Our goal is \$12,100. If you have not responded to the appeal, please do so.

BABY BOTTLES FOR CARE NET— The baby bottles fundraiser for Care Net is here. Please take one or two home and fill them with change, cash, or a check made out to Care Net. This is a big fund raising program for Care Net and helps them in their ministry to pregnant women struggling to keep the child. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you.

ST. VINCENT COLLECTION—The St. Vincent people have let us know that they are in need of personal care items such as deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, bar soap, shower gel, body lotion, tooth brushes and tooth paste. A bin will be in the gathering space for these items.

- LOOKING AHEAD -

***LADY'S TEA**—St. Matthew will host a Lady's Tea on Sunday, June 4, at 10:30 AM. All women of the parish are invited. Plan to attend and get better acquainted with the other ladies.

***CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE**—The annual Cross the Bridge for Life will also be held on Sunday, June 4, with festivities starting at 1:00PM at the World Peace Bell and walk starting at 2:00 PM.

LECTOR— May 21—Julie Feinauer, May 28-Lisa Cooper

CLEANING—Genita and her daughters

FROM THE PASTOR – MONTH OF MARY: OUR LADY OF KNOCK

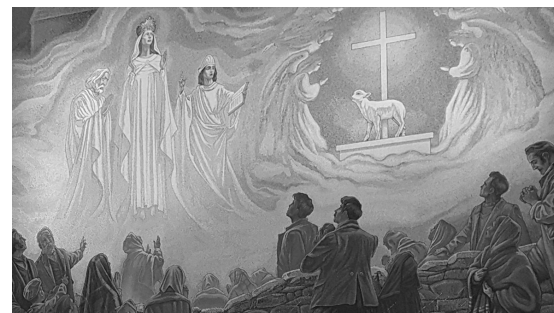
With the Ascension of the Lord comes the period of preparation for the celebration of Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We ought to be engaged in deep prayer with Mary during this time, the first great novena (nine days between the actual Ascension of Jesus and the day of Pentecost). One Marian apparition seems appropriate to discuss in regards to this time of prayer and preparation: the appearance of Our Lady and others at Knock.

Knock is a small village in western Ireland, not really known for much before 1879. The night of August 21st was rather wet and cloudy. Two young women were on their way home when they saw some glowing figures near the parish church. Others were told and eventually as many as 15 people saw three figures in silent prayer standing near an altar upon which stood a lamb. The vision lasted for two hours, yet nothing was heard from the lips of the figures. After the appointed time, the figures disappeared and were not seen again.

All of the witnesses identified the three figures in the same manner and said they were wearing white robes. In the center was Mary, wearing a crown upon her head and standing with her arms open as if in prayer, eyes raised towards heaven. Saint Joseph stood at her right, though a bit lower and in deference to Mary. The figure on her right wore a bishop's miter and looked as if he was preaching, and was identified as Saint John the Evangelist and Apostle. None of the people who say this apparition claimed that any figure said anything, but all felt that Mary was at the heart of this vision.

It seems odd that an apparition of Mary would happen without any message given. Yet this does not mean that this apparition is void of any meaning or significance. Our primary takeaway from this apparition is the necessity of prayer. The life of the disciple of Jesus Christ is a life of prayer; not merely prayer of petition but prayer of adoration and union with God. Recall that Mary at Knock continued looking up and holding herself in prayer the entire two hours she was seen. Would that we spent a half hour each day in prayer to begin to imitate her sanctity!

Another sign we can take from this is that Mary is close to us through it all. The Irish had suffered terribly in the great famine of the 1840s, and even in 1879 there was a threat of a famine rising again. Mary comes not with a chastisement or a warning but a message of solidarity: she



knows our struggles and prays to her divine Son for all we her spiritual children need. Let us call upon our spiritual mother in our every need, above all asking for her help and intercession to overcome the struggle against sin so that we may join her in the joyful prayer of eternal life in the presence of her Son and our King.

Fr. Jacob Straub