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## (L=Living, †=Deceased)

Sat. May 24	5:00 PM	For †Verna Payne [from Elizabeth Cahill]
Sun. May 25	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. May 26	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. May 27	8:00 AM	For †Mary Cross [from Linda Menefee]
Wed. May 28	8:00 AM	For Emery Mapes (L) [from Samantha Stange]
Thur. May 29	8:00 AM	For †Sr. Georgia Messingschlager [from Alberta & Greg Vest]
Fri. May 30	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
<i>THE EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</i>		
Sat. May 31	5:00 PM	For †Herbie Elbert [from Kathy Bach]
Sun. June 1	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

**BIRTHDAYS**—May 2-Kaitlyn Mason, May 3-Marian Messingschlager, May 6-Lillian Rose Eten, May 9-Bill Funke, May 11-Megan Cooper, May 14-Richard Messingschlager, May 16-Amelie Mason, May 17-Brenda Baker, May 18-Rosanne Rawe, May 19-Isaac Mason, May 23-Walter Haley, May 28-Belle Mason, May 30-Mark Cooper, May 30-Ben Mason

*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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Saturdays – 5:00 PM	Sundays – 9:00 AM
Weekdays [Tue through Fri] – 8 AM	Holy Days– 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM                      Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

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## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 25, 2025

**DPAA**—The new DPAA campaign has begun! Our parish’s goal for this year is \$13,400. As of Mar. 31, we have collected \$3,650. You should be receiving envelopes in the mail to make your pledge. There are also purple envelopes available near the collection box. Thank you for your contributions!

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**—Our annual Baby Bottle Campaign for Care Net has begun. The bottles will be in the back of church for you to take. Please return by Father’s Day, June 15, containing change, paper money, or a check inside. Thank you for your caring donations.

**LADIES TEA PARTY**—The ladies of St. Matthew will host their first tea party of 2025 on Sunday, June 8, after the 9AM Mass. This event is for all ages so young ladies are invited too. Even if you are not a parishioner, come visit with us and enjoy snacks and fellowship.

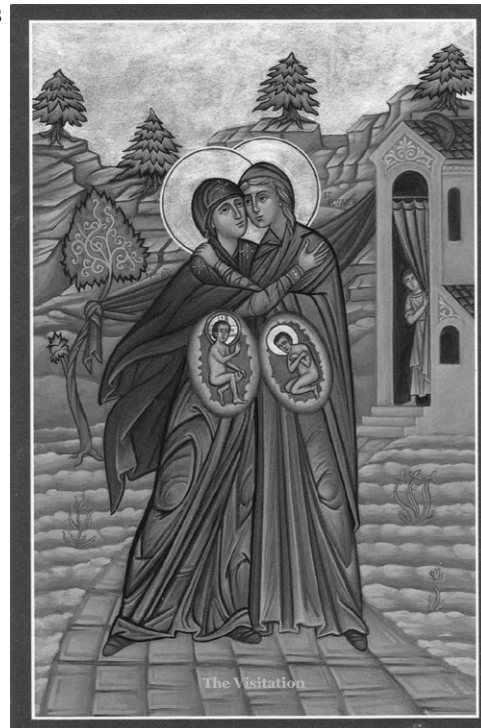
**FESTIVAL MEETING**—We will be having the first festival meeting on Thursday, June 5 at 6:30 PM at church. Please try to attend this important meeting so we can discuss what everyone wants to do this year, get plans for our new signs, and just get things rolling. Thank you.

**LECTOR**— May 25-Bill Funke, June 1-Lisa Cooper

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

MAY 31—THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED  
VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the  
fruit of your womb.”



## FROM THE PASTOR – MONTH OF MARY: OUR LADY OF CHAMPION

We conclude this month of Mary by looking at the only Church approved apparition to happen in the United States: Our Lady of Champion, WI. This apparition was approved as “worthy of belief” by the bishop of Green Bay (the diocese where this apparition occurred) in 2010. We ought to learn more of what happened in this event to see how Mary is even concerned for our relatively new country.

A young Belgian woman had moved to Wisconsin and was seeking to enter a religious order began seeing a woman in white while on her way to church in October, 1859. After the second appearance, the young woman asked her parish priest what she should do, and followed his advice the third time she saw her on her way home from Mass: she walked up to the woman and asked her in the name of God to say who she was and what she wanted. The lady replied, “I am the Queen of Heaven who prays for the conversion of sinners, and I wish you to do the same. You received Holy Communion this morning and that is well. But you must do more. Make a general confession and offer Communion for the conversion of sinners. If they do not convert and do penance, my Son will be obliged to punish them.” The lady, having identified herself as Mary, Queen of Heaven, exhorted the young woman to work to teach the children their catechism. The young woman would spend the rest of her life dedicated to this essential mission until her death in 1896.

One prominent sign of Mary’s favor over this area came in the midst of a natural disaster which struck that area of northern Wisconsin in 1871. Due to poor logging habits, the conditions were just right for a massive wildfire to spark in late summer which would eventually consume not just logging forests but entire towns. The wildfire threatened the chapel which had been built on the site, but the young woman who had seen Mary called for a procession around the church praying for the Queen of Heaven’s intercession. The chapel was not touched by the fire nor were any of the people harmed, though much of the surrounding countryside was destroyed by the fire.



This apparition ought to stir in us a desire to draw nearer to Mary and through her to Jesus. We may often associate these apparitions or visions to other countries or other times, and yet it still happens in our own time and in our own nation! Let us be emboldened by the Holy Spirit to witness the Catholic faith and draw souls to Jesus through Mary. Let us not ask when shall we have our own apparition or vision, but to remain faithful to God as Mary was in her sorrows and struggles. May the Queen of Heaven draw us all to where she now reigns at the right hand of her Son, to rejoice eternally with her and all the saints in the blessed vision of the Trinity!

*Fr. Jacob Straub*