

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Apr. 28	\$1,129
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

*THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

Sat. May 4	5:00 PM	For †Paul and Ruth Herringer
Sun. May 5	9:00 AM	For †Drew Kordenbrock
Mon. May 6	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. May 7	8:00 AM	For Mike Lemming (L)
Wed. May 8	8:00 AM	For †Heather Adamkewicz & Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thur. May 9	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK [NO ADORATION]
Fri. May 10	8:00 AM	For Jill Schmiade (L)

*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

**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, Bonita & Jim Happe, 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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 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**—Next 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 5-Linda Fryman, May 12-Rita Funke

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



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK—MAY, MONTH OF MARY

The month of May has always been a blessed month for Catholics because it is the month of Mary. This is the time when we crown the images of Our Lady and sing of her praises. What immense joy ought this month bring to the hearts of the faithful!

Why should we praise Mary? Why is Mary the most praised of all human beings after Jesus Christ? It is because of her most unique and intimate connection to Jesus; she is His mother. Everything we praise in the Virgin Mary comes from her particular vocation as the Mother of the Word Incarnate.

The Church has praised her from the very beginning of her existence. Numerous Church fathers from the first centuries praised Mary as the mother of Jesus, such as Irenaeus of Lyons (2<sup>nd</sup> century). This central characteristic of Mary was so important that an ecumenical council – the Council of Ephesus in AD 431 – solemnly affirmed this with the following declaration:

For it was no ordinary man who was first born of the Holy Virgin and upon whom the Word afterwards descended; but being united from the womb itself He is said to have undergone fleshly birth, claiming as His own the birth of His own flesh. Thus [the holy Fathers] did not hesitate to speak of the holy Virgin as the Mother of God.

The word that the council fathers used for “Mother of God” is the Greek word *Theotokos*, which literally means “God-bearer.” While Protestants may take offense at this verbiage and try to say that Mary is only the Mother of Jesus, we must affirm that if Jesus is God, and Mary is His mother, then she is the Mother of God. This does not mean that she is the mother of the Holy Trinity (which many Protestants think we believe), but this title affirms that Jesus is the God-Man who was born from her virginal womb.

We ultimately praise Mary not in herself but because of the wonderful things God worked through her. Jesus could not become a human being without her; why would we forget her or cast her aside? Mary wishes us to know and love her Son; who better to help us do this than His own mother?

Let us rejoice in the Blessed Virgin Mary during this month of May with renewed devotion to her and to Jesus through her. Let us bring not only the flowers of the earth but the flowers of our hearts to her through our prayers and praises. Let us crown her who humbly accepted her vocation to be the Mother of God not only during this month but every day of our lives. Ave Maria!

*Fr. Jacob Straub*