

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)		
Sat. May 7	5:00 PM	For †Helen Bach
Sun. May 8	9:00 AM	For the Living and Dead Members of Our Parish
Mon. May 9	8:00 AM	For †Ed Grant
Tue. May 10		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Wed. May 11	8:00 AM	For †Helen Bach (Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM)
Thur. May 12		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Fri. May 13		<i>No Public Mass</i>
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
Sat. May 14	5:00 PM	For †Ed Gripshover
Sun. May 15	9:00 AM	For the Living and Dead Members of Our Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Mary Louise Cross, Vernon Dixon, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Judy Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff who is suffering from Meniere’s disease, Lena Bach, Brian Buckingham, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Jeff Elbert, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Billie Jean Huffman, Bobby Jo Glenn, and Andy Sper.

BIRTHDAYS– May 9-Bill Funke, May 11-Meggy Cooper, May 17-Brenda Baker, May 18-Rosanne Rawe, May 18-Nathan Thorwarth, May 23– Estelle Thorwarth, May 30-Mark Cooper

ANNIVERSARY-May 3– Kathy and Joe Bach

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



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – please check each week’s schedule

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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MAY 8, 2022



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Mother's Day!



ST. VINCENT COLLECTION—The St. Vincent people have announced that they have had an unusual need for the following: peanut butter, canned fruit, jars of jelly, pudding, cake mixes, instant potatoes, jars or packages of gravy, juices for small children, spaghetti sauce, boxes of spaghetti, boxes of rice, and saltine crackers. They also wish to thank us for all our support.

DPAA—The 2022 DPAA is now underway. Our parish goal this year is \$11,300. We are getting a very slow start in meeting our goal. As of March 31st, we only had two pledges or donations. Please let us know if you have given or pledged already so that we may be sure to have an accurate count of all donations.

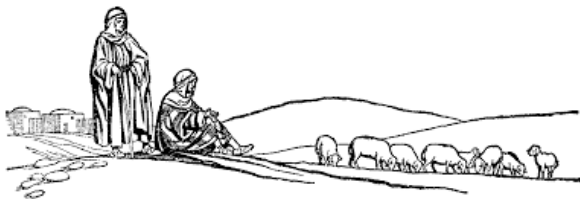
MAY CROWNING—May Crowning will be on Mother's Day, May 8. Please stay long enough after Mass to witness this age old tradition. What better day for it to fall on but Mother's Day.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—The parish will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 22, after the 9 AM Mass. Stay and enjoy this wonderful breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes (regular and blueberry), potato casserole, link sausages, and fruit. Build fellowship with your church family.

ST. CECILIA'S RACE TO ZERO NEEDS HELP—St. Cecilia's is asking for our support in their Race to Zero campaign set up to pay off their large bank loan for their recently completed parish center and gym. Their goal is to get it paid off by the end of the year. St. Cecilia and St. Matthew have had a long sense of togetherness and pride over the Catholic communities we represent. Please visit the St. Cecilia parish website for more details including how to donate.

LECTOR— May 8—Rita Funke May 15—Julie Feinauer May 22—Lisa Cooper

CLEANING TEAM— May 8—Kathy and Wanda Bach



FROM THE PASTOR—DEVOTION TO MARY: OVERVIEW

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? Our Protestant brethren will scoff at this practice and accuse of practicing idolatry. Yet this is far from the case. The Church has never held Mary to be equal to God: our true and total object of worship is the Most Holy Trinity. Yet this does not mean we cannot praise and show respect to those whom God exalts for our emulation and praise, above all the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Every Catholic should foster some devotion to Mary as the Mother of God and as our greatest help to salvation and sanctification after Jesus. In ancient Israel, the most powerful woman in the kingdom was the queen mother, who always had the ear of the king. This is truly the case with Mary and her divine Son who reigns over the universe. All that we ask of her she brings before her Son to plead on our behalf, not only as His mother but our spiritual mother as well. If the various saints can intercede for us before God, how much more so the blessed Mother of God who is so close to Him even in eternity?

The word “devotion” here means more than just reflecting on or simple prayers. St. Francis de Sales writes that “true devotion presupposes not a partial but a thorough love of God.” We are meant for more than mere ritual or rote actions; we should be inflamed by love to draw closer to God. The saints have not only demonstrated to us how to have devotion over the centuries but also are themselves a great help to grow in devotion. And who better than the glorious Mother of God and great lover of Christ?

St. Louis de Monfort describes it best in describing true devotion to Mary:

It is an easy way. It is the way which Jesus Christ Himself trod in coming to us, and in which there is no obstacle in reaching Him. It is true that we can attain divine union by other roads; but it is by many more crosses and strange deaths, and with many more difficulties, which we shall find it hard to overcome. We must pass through obscure nights, through combats, through strange agonies, over craggy mountains, through cruel thorns and over frightful deserts. But by the path of Mary we pass more gently and more tranquilly.

I will use the rest of this month's bulletin articles to offer some practices and helps to living out this devotion to Mary. Let us draw nearer to her so that we may more perfectly draw nearer to her Son, risen in victory over all our enemies. Let us draw near to her as our spiritual mother just as we should be near to our own mothers. Ave Maria!

Fr. Jacob Straub