FIFTH SUNDAY OF Easter

MAY
15
2022

I give you a new commandment:
love one another.
John 13:34

GLORIFY GOD

In the first sentence of today's Gospel passage from John, Jesus' address at the Last Supper, the words "glorify" or "glorified" appear five times. For John, glory has to do with honor and reputation, the primary characteristic of a person. John thus invites us to reflect upon what God's glory fully means. God is glorified when God's truest nature is revealed, as the God who loves. Today's passage is situated between two demonstrations of Jesus' love: the washing of feet and going to the cross. The capacity to glorify God extends to all of us. Like Jesus, love is revealed both in our mundane acts of service and in our acts and commitments of great sacrifice. Jesus' "new commandment," flowing from God's love within us, invites us to extend and deepen our love for others, to include everyone. We may then reveal God's truest nature to everyone, and so glorify God.

MADE FOR EACH OTHER

We are introduced to the book of Revelation's great concluding vision in our second reading. The completion of God's project of salvation is described as a new Jerusalem coming from heaven, to form a new heaven and new earth. The image of a marriage articulates this vision, in which the two sides of God's good creation, earth and heaven, are joined in a final union. Earth (the physical universe) will not be destroyed, but instead be fully renewed.

This vision rejects any notion that the physical and the spiritual are ultimately separate and opposed to each other. It rejects the idea that heaven is an escape from a prison of earthly life. Like a marriage partnership, these two sides of reality are fundamentally made for each other. Life in heaven and life on earth are quite different now. But the life of faith, here and now, offers a foretaste of God's promised future.

ALL THINGS NEW

The new heaven and new earth described by Revelation is where God will dwell fully among God's beloved creation. God's reign will be a reign of love, where death will be no more. In Revelation, death fuels fear and resentment, which turn to cycles of violence and destruction, and to social systems that sustain injustice. These cycles of death will one day be broken by love. In God's reign of love, new energies of creativity and human fulfillment can be released.

When God says "behold, I make all things new," God is speaking of both the present and the future. God is working now, in every person and community, in every part of part of creation, to bring about this new reality. We the Church must learn to see God working in our lives, our workplaces, and our neighborhoods, breaking cycles of death. We are summoned to join in what God is doing, releasing new energies of love, anticipating the final fulfillment of God's work.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 14:21–27
Psalm 145:8–9, 10–11, 12–13
Revelation 21:1–5a
John 13:31–33a, 34–35

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Mass Intentions For the Week

TUESDAY, May 17
5:15 pm Bernice Hoover †
WEDNESDAY, May 18
Saint John I, Pope and Martyr
7:00 am Agnes M. Elbert †
THURSDAY, May 19
7:00 am Vicente Ngujo †
FRIDAY, May 20
Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest
7:00 am Maxine Campbell †
8:30 am Chris Kastler †
SATURDAY, May 21
4:30 pm Doug & Mary Crane †
SUNDAY, May 22
8:00 am St. Mary's Parish Family
10:00 am Gene & Mary Ostmeyer †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

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—Ancient Jewish saying

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This Week in Our Parish

MONDAY, May 16
10 am & 6 pm—Men's Bible Study (mr 1)
10 am—Women's Bible Study (mr 2)
6 pm—Women's Bible Study (Panera Bread)
TUESDAY, May 17
6:00 pm—Parish Council Meeting (PC)
THURSDAY, May 19
7:30 am-7:00 pm—Adoration (church)

Join Bishop Rice for
Memorial Day Mass
Monday, May 30 at 9 a.m.
Resurrection Cemetery located at
4528 W Division St.
Springfield
Seating will be available under a large tent
Refreshments will be served afterward.

May Income Report

May Income	Week 4 (1st-6th)	May Budget	Still Needed / Estimated Expense
Weekly Envelopes & ACH	16,698.50	70,083.34	Needed 53,384.84
Plate	174.00	666.67	Needed 492.67
Maintenance Estimated	759.38	3,000.00	Needed 2,278.12
Utilities Estimated	1,025.00	4,100.00	Needed 3,075.00

We thank the 55 people who came to the Synod on May 5th.

Please Pray For…

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Annette Taylor Joycelynn Straw
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Reflect Catholic Weekend Retreat

Mid-life Singles: Are you looking for a renewed sense of connection & purpose during this pandemic? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT Catholic weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 minutes from downtown St. Louis), on **June 3-5, 2022**. Take a chance and get involved...you won't regret it! Cost is $215 including meals and a single room.
For details, visit **www.ReflectRetreat.com**
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STOP! I'm Drowning

Please do not water the flowers and plants in the church. Certain members of the environmental committee use a moisture meter to determine the need for water. Thank you for your cooperation.

Masking remains recommended at St. Mary's

You no longer have to wear a mask if you have been vaccinated.
The Sign of Peace will be reinstated in a safe way at this time.
All weekend Ministers will **hand sanitize and wear a mask if they feel it is necessary**.
Donations will continue to be placed at the baptismal font and south exits.

This Weekend's Ministry Schedule *May 14 – 15*

4:30 pm Mass

Altar Servers
Josie Sears
Volunteer

Eucharistic Minister
Charlene Campbell
Ivan Johnson

Lector
Carol Page
Mary Ann Soerries

Usher
Scott Black
Steve Pokojski
Dan Sears
Volunteer

Organist
Fran Cook

Cantor
Mark Timpe

8:00 am Mass

Altar Servers
Samantha Lone
Scott Lone

Eucharistic Minister
Brenda Glynn
Mary Metsker

Lector
Eden Esguerra
Val Frankoski

Usher
Greg Parrigon
Kasey Pliler
Craig Winters
Volunteer

Organist
Maureen Mitchell

Cantor
Tricia Gould

10:00 am Mass

Altar Servers
Alivia Childers
Sara Maksoud

Eucharistic Minister
Lisa Green
Karen Long

Lector
Lisa Green
Chris Perrey

Usher
Rick Kenkel
Steve Williams
Volunteer
Volunteer

Organist
Maureen Mitchell

Cantor
Darlene Drury

NOTE: Eucharistic Ministers hand sanitize and wear a mask if you believe it necessary.

Upcoming Ordinations

Nick Zummo will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacon on **Friday, May 20** at St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield.

Rev. Mr. Jesse Hiett, **Rev. Mr. Nicolas Newton**, and **Rev. Mr. Charles Peirano** will be ordained to the Priesthood on **Friday, May 27** at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Springfield.

These ordinations will be Live-streamed to the diocesan Facebook page **@DioceseofSpringfieldCapeGirardeau**

Please keep these men and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

RECRUITMENT AND REFRESHER FOR USHER /GREETERS

The First Step in Welcoming is a Smile and an Open Door.
As St. Mary's becomes a Welcoming Parish after the pandemic, we need to resume and improve our Usher/Greeter Ministry.
We will have a RECRUITMENT/ REFRESHER Ministry session for all current and potential Usher/Greeters. This is an excellent entry level ministry for any Parishioner, High School Age or above interested in increasing their faith life and involvement in our parish family.
We will have a brief meeting after each of the Masses the weekend of June 4th and 5th to go over: the basic functions; proper attire; time to arrive; passing the collection basket; location of the emergency Alert Button and Key to the School Storm Shelter; and any other questions that come up. We want to recruit you for the Mass you usually go to.

Please remember in prayer the families of Karen Burns, Margaret DeWeese and Eunice Cavanaugh former parishioners who recently returned to the Lord. May they rest in God's everlasting peace.

FAMILY SOCK HOP

Saturday, June 11, 2022
6pm-9pm

Bring your family/friends and *bebop* over to the Parish Center for a Rockin' Good Time!

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Director of Schools

Joplin Area Catholic School System, comprised of St. Mary's Pre-School and Elementary, St. Peter's Middle School, and McAuley High School, is looking for a Director of Schools for the 2022-23 school year. Requirements for this position are as follows:

Active Catholic

Master's Degree (or beyond) in Educational Administration

Successful experience in elementary/secondary Catholic school administration

Certifiable status for Missouri Principal's certificate

Satisfactory health

The director will be accountable to the local pastors, Joplin Area Catholic School Board and the Superintendent of Schools of the Diocese of Springfield/Cape Girardeau. Full job description can be emailed upon request to kpatton@jacss.org.

Please send resume', three current professional references, and three letters of recommendation to Father Joe Weidenbenner, pastor, St. Mary's and St. Peter's Catholic Churches at: stmjoplin@gmail.com.

BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus Council 14096 will have our annual Baby Bottles for Life campaign from
Mother's Day to Father's Day this year.
Please take a baby Bottle and fill it with your change and return it the next week, or leave your cash, or a check made out to K of C 14096 in the container in the Vestibule.
Last year we raised $2,000.00 that was divided between the Knights "Meet Life" program, providing ultrasounds to pro-life pregnancy centers, and, Lovin' Grace, a local home for young women in crisis.

JOPLIN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

JACS News
There have been changes to the end of school calendar due to snow days. Wednesday, May 25 and Thursday, May 26 will be a full day. Friday, May 27 will be a half day and the last day of school.

JACS Enrollment
2022-2023 Enrollment: Enrollment for returning JACS families has been opened. Families should have received information regarding enrollment via email. If you have any questions, please contact Marla Testerman at mtesterman@jacss.org or at (417) 624-5003

If you are currently not a part of our JACS Family, please take an opportunity to learn more about our quality schools and opportunities. Check out our website https://www.jacss.org/admissions/ for more information and to apply. Please contact our schools to schedule a tour.

Now hiring
St. Mary's Preschool and Elementary School is looking for positive additions to our school for the 2022-2023 school year! We are accepting applications for a full-time preschool teacher, a full-time elementary teacher, a part-time music teacher, and a part-time technology teacher. Candidates must be dependable, positive Christian role models for our students. In addition, each candidate must have a strong work ethic, be willing to partner and communicate well with parents, and have a strong desire to be part of a growing, faith-filled team. Active Catholic preferred. Competitive salary, excellent benefits, and a friendly and supportive school environment makes St. Mary's a great place to teach and nurture the whole child! Interested candidates should email a cover letter, resumé, and letters of reference to Joanne Lown, St. Mary Principal, at jlown@jacss.org.

Summer Fun 2022
St. Mary's summer school is always a big hit, and this year's classes are going to be fun and enriching experiences for any area child who is entering Advanced Learners (3 yrs. old preschool) – 6th Grade. Many of our classes are filling up, and we don't want your child to miss out on the fun!

Class size is limited to 16 students for most classes, and classes are filled on a first come, first served basis. Your enrollment form and $15 registration fee will hold your child's spot. Please reach out to the school office at (417) 623-1465 or to Joanne Lown at jlown@jacss.org if you have any questions or need more information.

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-Sister Catherine McAuley, Sisters of Mercy founder

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