SIXTH SUNDAY



### PEACE

The sixth Sunday of Easter moves us toward the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early Church. Today's Gospel describes Jesus at the Last Supper, foretelling the coming of the Spirit to the community of Jesus. Jesus combines the promise of the Spirit with his gift of peace to his disciples. He foresees that the community must be grounded in his love, which provides peace, to face the tumult of the Crucifixion, and later, the trials of the early Church. Grounded in Jesus, the community can then be open to the Spirit who will continually guide, remind, and renew them in their life together. The gift of peace from Jesus is not a worldly peace through which the powerful crush opposition. It is not a complacent or private peace. The peace of Jesus instead seeks and works toward peace throughout the world, guided by the Spirit.

### **RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP**

Today's passage from Acts captures the beginning and the conclusion of what became known as the Jerusalem Council. It is well worth studying all of Acts 15, meant to provide an example of responsible leadership for the wider Church. There was substantial conflict within the community over what is necessary for unity in the diverse community of Jews and Gentiles. We can notice some key characteristics of the actions of the leadership.

The leaders acknowledged the reality of a significant conflict without minimizing it. They received and fully honored the diverse experiences of persons of different backgrounds. They worked with an accepted authority structure and a process to move toward resolution. They were committed to discern the action and will of the Spirit, with a deep respect for testimony about how the Spirit was working. They avoided placing unneeded burdens on anyone. And afterward, they continued to observe the ongoing action of the Spirit as the decision was implemented.

### WHAT IS ESSENTIAL?

The issues weighed by the Jerusalem Council in our passage from Acts were related to circumcision as a requirement, and to table fellowship. A strong theological tradition held that traditional practices were essential, and the community genuinely sought to maintain continuity with the roots of their faith. Peter's observation about how the Spirit was actively working in their midst pointed the leaders in a new direction. Then James reminded them that the scriptural tradition also pointed to fully welcoming the Gentiles into God's community.

It is a profound challenge for leaders in our own parishes when encountering issues that can fracture a community. What is essential and what is not? What are we called to em-

brace, or called to lay down? Acknowledging conflict and working toward resolution is an essential function for our parishes, because Christ calls us to live in unity. We are called to open our hearts, mine our tradition, and observe the activity of the Spirit.

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

Acts 15:1–2, 22–29 Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8 Revelation 21:10–14, 22–23 John 14:23–29

Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. John 14:23

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### **Mass Intentions For the Week**

**TUESDAY, May 24** 5:15 pm Loyd & Annie Straub + WEDNESDAY, May 25 Saint Bede the Vererable. Priest and Doctor of the Church 7:00 am Estrellita "Ester" Moore † **THURSDAY, May 26** Saint Philip Neri, Priest 7:00 am LaDonna S. McPurdy † FRIDAY, May 27 Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop 7:00 am Rose and Frank LoPresti † 8:30 am Mike Tettamble † SATURDAY, May 28 4:30 pm Roy Kasang † SUNDAY, May 29 8:00 am St. Mary's Parish Family 10:00 am Judy Mims †

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20 Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28 Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23 Lk 24:46-53

#### WISDOM'S ROOT

Wisdom has its roots in goodness, and not goodness its roots in wisdom. —Ralph Waldo Emerson



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# This Week in Our Parish

MONDAY, May 23 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 24 5:15 pm—Mass Honoring Deceased Women of Our Parish since May 2021 THURSDAY, May 26 7:30 am-7:00 pm—Adoration (church) FRIDAY, May 27 Last day of school



### 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 2 (7th-13th)	May Budget	Still Needed / Estimated Expense		
Weekly Envelopes & ACH	18,854.00	70,083.34	Needed 34,530.84		
Plate	252.00	666.67	Needed 240.67		
Maintenance Estimated	1,518.76	3,000.00	Needed 1,518.74		
Utilities Estimated	2,050.00	4,100.00	Needed 2,050.00		

# **Stewardship Cards**

Of the 412 Stewardship of Treasure packets we mailed to parishioners, 112 have been returned. Please take a moment to fill out your card and return it. Information from the cards is used in setting the budget for the coming fiscal year. For your convenience there is a drop box in the gathering area on the bulletin table. Thank you for your assistance.

### Please Pray For...

Elizabeth Ruddock Angie Stengel Hill Stan Frankoski Annette Taylor Joycelynn Straw Jimmy McKell Anna Cooper Larry Buehler Waylon Campbell Christy Fortino Meier Mary Lou Teeter Josh Lordemann Jason Yost Percy Blinzler Judy Bashor Shirley Chandler **Doris Sweeney** Scott Grigsby Victoria Even Lawrence & Susan Filosa Patricia Williams Dorothy Lowry Mary Lou Timpe Debbie Randall Judy Clarkson **Tracey Straub** Joanne Bauni Henry Schluter Frank Slawinski Melissa Plant Jennifer McKeough Doug Glynn Scottie Black Janelle Beauchamp Brenda Glynn Nancy Roark Doloris Sonntag Sara Metts Ann & Charlie Bunnell Susan Koeppen Kamron McKeough Richard Wilson Mike Tettamble Jr. & Sr. George Grimm Katie Wilson Luke Babcock Dick Graue Pat & Ryan McShane Jari Rusnack Jamie Wilson Joyce Steuber Irene Marshall Sharon Stribling Verle Gilbert Susan Jones Maureen McKeough Members of the US Military Cpl Benjamin Root, USMC Blake Stearnes, USN SSgt Chuck Romero, USAF Ryan Campbell, USN

AS2 Lisa McDonald, USN CPT Mitch Wear, USArmy Thomas Scheuerman, USArmy

### Pope Francis' May Prayer Intention Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

### **Bishop Rice's May Prayer Intention** May we know the joy of the Resurrection, united with the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

# **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 Email reflect.stlouis@gmail.com Or call (314) 283-0044

The family of Eunice Cavanaugh would like to thank St. Mary's for welcoming mom home to her final resting place. Mom was a parishioner for 40 years although she had been gone for a period of time. We would like to thank Fr. Joe for his warm welcome and letting the family celebrate mom in our own special way. Thank you to Fran Cook and Mark Timpe. The music was beautiful. Thank you to the wonderful ladies who provided our big family with a wonderful luncheon. Thank you Stephanie to being a wonderful front door. Our family definitely felt like we had come home. St. Mary's will hold a special place in our hearts forever. Thank you from our hearts, Pat, Francine, Collette, Stephanie, Michelle, Mary and Bud.

# For Your Information...

June 6-10 is the Annual Priests Retreat. During that week there will not be a priest in town. In case of an emergency, call Stephanie. Mass will not be scheduled that week. Adoration on Thursday will be opened by Stephanie around 8:00 am.

# This Weekend's Ministry Schedule May 21 – 22

4:30 pm Mass

<u>Altar Servers</u> Volunteer Volunteer

<u>Eucharistic Minister</u> John Olson Mary Olson

<u>Lector</u> Dan Sears Amy Teeter

<u>Usher</u> Dan Draxler Michael Teeter Sy Werner Volunteer

<u>Organist</u> Fran Cook

<u>Cantor</u> Mary Castleberry 8:00 am Mass Altar Servers Daniel Horinek

Jacob Zeb Eucharistic Minister

Bob Schroer Fred Wheeler

Lector Fred Wheeler Patty Wheeler

<u>Usher</u> Joseph Beachner Enrico Esguerra Paul Mieseler Volunteer

<u>Organist</u> Brian Hilsabeck

<u>Cantor</u> Terry Wachter 10:00 am Mass

<u>Altar Servers</u> Eiler Anderson Gavin Anderson

<u>Eucharistic Minister</u> Theresa Adams Volunteer

<u>Lector</u> Sharon Halsey-Hoover David Hoover

<u>Usher</u> Bill Harman Festus Ndukwu Volunteer Volunteer

Organist Brian Hilsabeck

<u>Cantor</u> Wayne Wilmes

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 family of Mike Tettamble (father of Margie Black) who recently returned to the Lord. May he 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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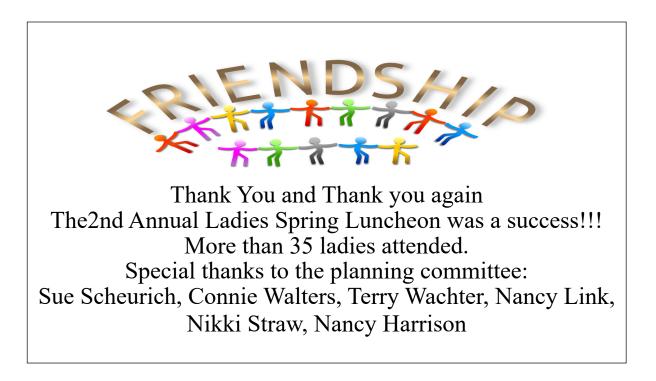
Best Costume Contest (Prizes for Adult and children's categories)

# SIGN UP AT THE PODIUM IN THE VESTIBULE OR CONTACT (CALL OR TEXT) MARY METSKER 417-439-4521

Dress to impress in your 50's best (<u>costumes optional</u>)

# **Pictorial Directory**

The past two weekends we have been handing out the pictorial directories, following each Mass, to those who had their picture made . We just discovered that there were some with a line running through the bottom row of pictures. If you were given one of these, please call the parish office to make arrangements to exchange your book.





The Synod meeting held on May 3, was a success thanks to those who attended. 50+ people from the parish came together for a listening session of how our parish, our diocese, and our Church can journey together as we grow in holiness, form intentional disciples and go forth to witness to the Gospel. Coming soon will be some thoughts and ideas shared by those attending.

# CATHOLISC S C H O O L S

### 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 <u>mtesterman@jacss.org</u> 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 <u>https://www.jacss.org/admissions/</u> 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) –  $6^{th}$  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.

#### **JACS** Auction

Thank you to everyone who helped make Derby 2022, our Annual Auction event this year, a great success! There are a few donations still coming in and the event's totals will be announced soon.

To help with planning for the 2023 Auction we are asking that you complete this <u>brief survey</u> (<u>https://</u><u>www.jacss.org/news/jacs-auction-survey/</u>) so we can continue to improve the auction each year. Thank you for completing the survey and thank you for your continued support of our school!

We belong to God. All in us is his.

-Sister Catherine McAuley, Sisters of Mercy founder





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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil Mass—4:30 pm Sunday—8:00 and 10:00 am Tuesday—5:15 pm Wednesday through Friday—7:00 am

### PARISH STAFF

Stephanie M. Elbert, Secretary John England, Custodian Stephen Baich, Bookkeeper Patty Wheeler, Parish Council President

DIRECTOR of Joplin Area Catholic Schools Sister Julie Brandt, SSND, 624-5003

#### SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Joanne Lown, St. Mary Grade School (P-5) Dr. Emily Yoakam, St. Peter's Middle School (6-8) and McAuley Catholic High School (9-12)

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# RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00—4:00 pm or by appointment.

ADORATION Thursday, 7:30 am—7:00 pm

### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Parents are to be registered in the Parish. Call for an appointment and visit. Preparation classes are required. Schedule will be given at appointment time.

**Sacrament of Matrimony**: Arrange for a date at the Parish Office at least 8 months prior to your wedding. All diocesan regulations must be fulfilled.

**RCIA:** For adults inquiring into the Catholic faith, to learn more about being Catholic, or interested in becoming Catholic. For more information contact the Parish Office.

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:** Those that are preparing for surgery, suffer from a chronic illness, an addiction, or the effects of aging may receive this Sacrament by calling the Parish Office.

### **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

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Please e-mail bulletin articles to: church@stmarysparishjoplin.com

### Welcome!

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, whether longtime residents or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered, please fill out the form below and place in collection basket or mail to the Parish Office. ALL ADULTS, 18 YEARS OLD AND NO LONGER IN SCHOOL, MUST REGISTER IN THEIR OWN NAME.

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