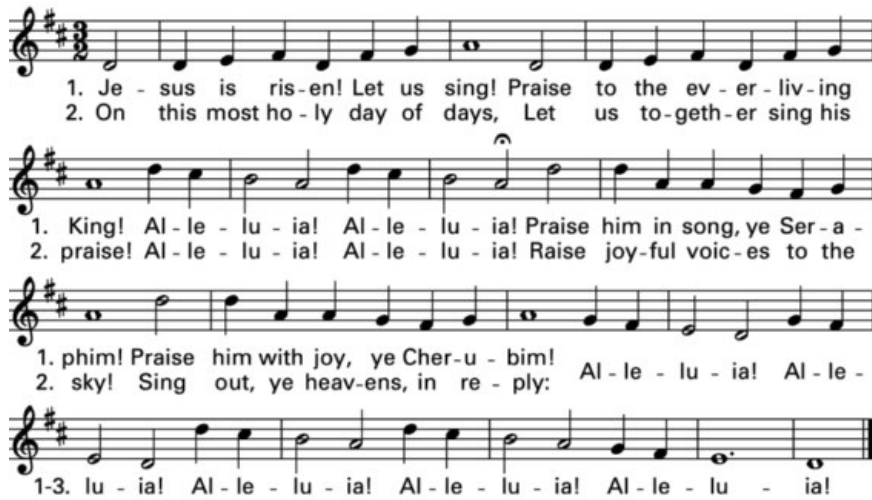


# Fifth Sunday of Easter

## Gathering Song



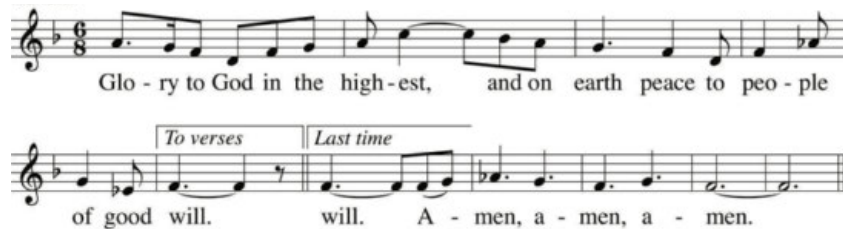
1. Je - sus is ris-en! Let us sing! Praise to the ev - er - liv - ing  
2. On this most ho - ly day of days, Let us to - geth - er sing his

1. King! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him in song, ye Ser - a -  
2. praise! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Raise joy - ful voic - es to the

1. phim! Praise him with joy, ye Cher - u - bim!  
2. sky! Sing out, ye heav - ens, in re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

1-3. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## Gloria — cantor first, then assembly



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple

*To verses* of good will. *Last time* will. A - men, a - men, a - men.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Reading I:** Acts 14.21-27

**Response:** Psalm 145 — *cantor first, then assembly*



I will praise your name, my King and my God.

I will praise your name, my King and my God.

**Reading II:** Revelation 21.1-5a

**Gospel Acclamation** — *cantor first, then assembly*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**Gospel:** John 13.31-33a, 34-35

**Profession of Faith:** Apostles' Creed — *see sidebar*  
**The Universal Prayer**



## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,*  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

15 May 2022

## More "Blah, Blah, Blah" from Msgr. Mark

I trust you are familiar with the concept of **an elevator speech** ... a brief, persuasive message meant to sell someone on an

organization, project, or idea. A good elevator pitch should last no longer than a short elevator ride of 20 to 30 seconds, hence the name. With the storm raised by the release of Justice Samuel Alito's majority opinion in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*, which signals the end of the national protection of the right to abortion launched with the *Roe v. Wade* decision of 1973, I'd suggest you take the time to prepare a thoughtful statement on the question of abortion. If not in an elevator, it's inevitable that the subject is going to come up somewhere among your family and friends. And I want you to be ready.

As a young priest I was often asked questions about our faith, and often I stumbled in giving a coherent answer. There were matters I had never thought through. Having been asked once, it dawned on me I would likely be asked again, so I started doing some study and outlining "what I should have said" on an index card so I would be ready the next time. By working through the questions, I grew in my own understanding. While knowing our Tradition's opposition to abortion is a starter, it's better if you can show your reasons. It's like "showing your homework" in freshman algebra class. I would urge you to take out an index card (or two), do a little research, and sketch out your answer ... for I have a hunch the question is not going away. In sharing with others, more helpful than knowing the Church's stance is knowing how we come to our stance.

Justice Alito's judicial opinion is a DRAFT ... and so the final decision and reasoning of the majority decision could be different, but even if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned it won't end abortions in our country. The question of the legality of abortion will revert to the individual states. It seems that a dozen will allow abortions with few if any limitations (e.g., New York, Illinois, and California), and there will be another dozen or so that will outlaw abortions except when the woman's life is at risk (e.g., Oklahoma and Mississippi). But that will leave half of the states where the matter will need to be discussed, debated, and legislated, and I think that will be the case in Wisconsin.

So, here are a couple suggestions. The best arguments for protecting human life at all its stages are based not on the Bible, but reason. That way we can address all rational people, and not just Scripture readers. For example, ethicists and physicians argue about when human life begins "scientifically." Some say it's when there's evidence of brain waves (40-43 days), some at viability (so about 24 weeks), some at birth when the infant is no longer reliant on the mother for food and oxygen. As science and philosophy are divided on the question, wouldn't the best path be our Catholic Tradition's road of protecting life from the moment of conception?" After all, if you're hunting on someone's land and think you see a magnificent buck in the woods ahead ... or maybe it is farmer's red angus bull ... you really don't dare pull the trigger.

It's only one argument of many that can be made, but an example. And if you are asked a question that you aren't prepared for, know it's always appropriate to say, "Let me get back to you on that." And then do.

Msgr. Mark Pierce

### Sunday, May 15

7:30am Confessions at CR  
8:30am Mass at CR: +Lawrence Gulan  
10:30am Mass at SM: +Russell and Mary Gass  
1:30pm Book Club Discussion Group at CR FH

### Monday, May 16

5:30pm Mass at CR: +Kathleen Reinhart  
6:00pm Confessions at CR

**NOTE:** The rosary will be said beginning at 11:35 am before the Daily Masses.

### Tuesday, May 17

12:10pm Mass at CR: +Bill and Grace Zenner  
3:00pm Mass at Primrose: +Charles Gehrke  
5:30pm Rosary and Novena at CR

### Wednesday, May 18

*St. John I*  
6:00am Study of the Catechism at CR  
12:10pm Mass at CR: +Suzanne "Sue" Pitterle

### Thursday, May 19

12:10pm Mass at CR: +Verjean Steiner

### Friday, May 20

*St. Bernardine of Siena*  
9:00am "What Catholics Believe" Bible Study-SM  
12:10pm Mass at CR: +Priscilla Meverden  
Neuberger  
6:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal and Social-SM

### 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### Saturday, May 21

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry at SM GS  
3:00pm Confessions at SM  
4:00pm Mass at SM: +Tom Jablonski  
5:30pm Mass at CR: For the People of the  
Eastside Parishes  
6:00pm Confirmation Mass at SM

#### Sunday, May 22

7:30am Confessions at CR  
8:30am Mass at CR: +Agnes Gianoli  
10:30am Mass at SM: +Franklin and  
Thecla Foegen

## Connect with Worship at Home

Mass and reflection opportunities are available throughout the week on our website at [eastsideparishes.org](https://eastsideparishes.org)

- ◇ The 8:30am Sunday Mass at the Church of the Resurrection is live-streamed for immediate viewing and then available for re-viewing for several days.
- ◇ Either Fr. Mark or Fr. Joe record one of the readings from the daily Mass and also share a 5-8 minute (audio-only) reflection.

Scripture readings for this week can be found at: <https://bible.usccb.org>



## Readings for Sixth Sunday of Easter May 22

*Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23;  
John 14:23-29*

The account of the meeting in our first reading (what we call "the Council of Jerusalem") describes the struggles the early church had over whether non-Jews attracted to Christianity had first to take on the practices of Judaism (circumcision for males, dietary laws, etc.). In the Acts the matter seems to get worked out rather quickly, but if you check Paul's version of the narrative in Galatians 2:11-14, you'll sense there was more to the story. But when people agree on the fundamentals, solutions come easier. Today's Gospel mentions one of the traditional bases that holds the Church together: our experience of the Spirit. *When have you been aware of the Holy Spirit resolving a conflict in your life? How do you open yourself to the work of the Spirit? How do you know it is God, and not just your own desires and baggage doing the talking?*

### A 9:00 am Morning Mass for Memorial Day at the St. Joseph and St. Michael Cemeteries

What with Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> being our National Day of Remembrance, Fr. Mark is thinking that holding out for our usual 5:30 pm Monday Mass would be a little anti-climactic. We had a great crowd at Memorial Day Mass in the parish cemeteries off Grand Avenue last year. So, weather permitting, that is what we will do again at 9:00 am Monday Mass on May 30. Please bring your own chair for seating. In case of snow, rain, or sleet, the Mass will be at the Church of the Resurrection.



**Please remember all of our homebound and hospitalized parishioners from Resurrection and St. Michael Parishes in your prayers this week.**

#### Resurrection Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of:

Chester and Margaret Kwarcianny

#### St. Michael Votive Candles burn in memory of:

- Tom Vick                      • Mary Greenheck
- Florence Heindl    • Bernice Midlikowski    • Marge Torzewski
- the deceased members of the Francis and John Bretl families
  - and the special intention of the Feldbruegge Family
  - and in remembrance of Ernest and Maryann Kuhary's 63rd Wedding Anniversary



St. Michael Parish welcomes **Harlow Martha Libby**, who was baptized on Sunday, May 8. Harlow is the daughter of AJ and Allie Libby.



## CONFIRMATION

On Saturday, May 21, at 6:00pm Bishop William Callahan will be present at St. Michael's to confirm fifty-three young people from Church of the Resurrection; Mary, Mother of Good Help; St. Anne; and St. Michael Parishes. Please keep these individuals in your prayers as they are confirmed.

### Summer Bible Study—on the Book of Revelation to begin in mid-June

Fr. Mark is gathering all who would like a summer study of the Book of Revelation. It will be a "highlights" approach ... not reading every verse but focusing on key passages that make this seemingly difficult book understandable. The group will meet on Thursdays throughout the summer, at 6:30 pm, beginning on June 9 in Francis Hall at



### Looking for one more expectant family for a Baptism preparation series

We ask first time parents presenting a child for baptism to participate in a two-session sacramental preparation program. Fr. Mark likes doing these with multiple couples because he has learned that you learn less from him than from the other couples in the class. So he has asked the one couple he has to hang on as we hope that one more first-time parent will step forward. Your attendance at this series now—even before your child is born—will allow you to schedule the sacrament without any delays. Call the parish office at 715-842-4283 to get on board.



### COVID procedures at Sunday Masses

*Here's a rundown of our current procedures at worship:*

- For the unvaccinated, the wearing of face coverings is welcomed.
- The first and last pew in each section will continue to have a "buffer" row behind or in front for those who would welcome more space between them and others. The 5:30 pm Saturday Mass continues to require social distancing and the wearing of masks.





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*Neighbor's Place Collection  
for the Month of May*



**The Eastside Parishes Social Justice Committee** has been re-established. This month, to support the Neighbors' Place and the generous work they provide to those in need in our community, we will be collecting baby items, in particular diapers (preemie and size 4-7), training pull-ups, and diaper wipes. Donated items may be placed in the "Neighbor's Place" baskets located at the entries of both churches.

Thank you to all who helped make this year's Lenten Wednesday soup luncheons a success, the awesome turnout of volunteer cooks, preparers, servers, cleaners, and of course to all those who came to eat and enjoy the special music! It was wonderful to see so many of our community friends return and enjoy lunch together.

*Thank You*

Also, a big thank you to all of the bakers and buyers who made the Mother's Day Bake Sale a huge success. You are all very appreciated!

*Eastside Parishes  
General Information*

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Weekend Masses

St. Michael:  
4:00 pm on Saturday and 10:30 am on Sunday  
Church of the Resurrection:  
5:30 pm on Saturday and 8:30 am on Sunday

Weekday Masses

Resurrection: 5:30 pm on Mon. and 12:10 pm Tuesday-Friday

Reconciliation

St. Michael:	3:00 pm Saturday
Church of the Resurrection:	7:30 am Sunday
Church of the Resurrection:	6:00 pm Monday

**NCIS: Wausau—Middle School Service Week**

This is a local service experience designed to bring youth into a fun and meaningful atmosphere while serving others.

**WHEN:** August 8-12, 8:30am-4pm daily  
(Friday is optional Pool Day)

**WHO:** Youth entering grades 6-8

- We are also in need of great adult chaperones and high school youth mentors to make this event possible! Let us know if you can help out as well!

**REGISTRATION, COST & MORE INFO:**

[www.wausaudeanery.weebly.com](http://www.wausaudeanery.weebly.com)

Contact Michelle with questions: 715-842-1810 or email [michelle@eastsideparishes.org](mailto:michelle@eastsideparishes.org)



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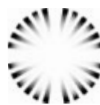
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**Preparation of Gifts and Altar** — *cantor first, then assembly*

Set your heart on the high-er gifts, on the things that come from your  
 Mak - er in heav - en. These three gifts are all that re-main:  
 faith, hope and love, and the great-est is love.

**Preface Dialogue****Eucharistic Acclamations** — *see sidebar***Lamb of God****Song during the Communion Procession** — *cantor first, then assembly*

There is no great-er love, says the Lord, than to  
 lay down your life for a friend; there is no great-er love,  
 no great-er love, than to lay down your life for a friend.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.

**Song after the Final Blessing**

**Refrain**  
 Sing to the moun-tains, sing to the sea. Raise your voic - es,  
 lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the  
 earth re - joice. **Last time** Let all the earth re - joice.

**Verse 1**  
 1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have  
 1. an - swered my plea. You have saved my  
 1. soul from death. You are my strength and my song.

**Verse 3**  
 2. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and re - joice.  
 2. Death has lost and all is life. Sing of the glo-ry of God.

**EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION**

**Holy, Holy, Holy  
 Lord God of hosts.  
 Heaven and earth  
 are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he,  
 blessed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna, hosanna,  
 hosanna in the highest.**

**MYSTERY OF FAITH**

**When we eat this Bread  
 and drink this Cup,  
 we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
 until you come again,  
 until you come again.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in  
 heaven, hallowed by thy  
 name; thy kingdom come;  
 thy will be done on earth as  
 it is in heaven. Give us this  
 day our daily bread; and  
 forgive us our trespasses  
 as we forgive those who  
 trespass against us;  
 and lead us not  
 into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.**

*Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil...  
 and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

**For the kingdom,  
 the power, and the glory  
 are yours, now and forever.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who  
 takes away the sins of the world. Blessed  
 are those called to the supper  
 of the Lamb.*

**Lord, I am not worthy  
 that you should enter  
 under my roof,  
 but only say the word  
 and my soul  
 shall be healed.**