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Tuesday, Thursday..... 7:15am

Wednesday..... 8:30am/1:30pm

First Friday.....5:30pm

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday.....4:30pm

Sunday ..... 7:30 & 9:00am

**Confessions**

Thursday.....1:00-5:00pm

Saturday.....3:00pm

Sunday ..... 10:10am

First Friday.....4:00pm

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*I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

April 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter



5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:5

**April 28, 2024**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, “Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you.”

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week’s Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, “**He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit**” (John 15:2) I don’t mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I’d wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God’s love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn’t it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it’s not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing. The cross is the great pruning of Christ’s body. Jesus’ rising is the brand-new growth. It is God’s promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— *Father John Muir*

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**Question of the Week for April 28:**  
 How will I bear fruit this week... at home, at work or school, and in my community?

**New Parishioners:** Welcome to our parish family! Please see our website or contact the Church Office to register.  
**Ministry to the Homebound, Hospitalized & Nursing Home Residents:** Call the Church Office to arrange visits.

*Prayer Requests*

Please remember our loved ones in prayer:

- Joyce & Christine Cooperman,
- Stephanie Delleman, Andrea Greene,
- Lois Hartog, Hunter James, Michael Loos,
- Eileen Matson, Erin McFate, Ben Meyer, Katie Moore, Wylie Murphy,
- Peter Nagy, Ron Ochs, Molly B. Olson,
- Sally Reck, Elaine Snyder, Donna Turnmeyer, Dennis Woods, Donna Fiems, Gerilynn Gaeth



**First Friday Fish Fry**  
**May 3**  
**After the 5:30pm Mass**  
**at Holy Family**

**Baptism:** Call the Church Office to arrange instructions and to schedule.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3-4pm, Sunday 10:10-11am, First Friday 4pm

**Marriage:** Arrangements are to be made at least six months prior to the wedding thru the Church Office.

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**Readings**

**For the week of April 28, 2024**

- Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/  
1 Jn 3:18-24/  
Jn 15:1-8
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/  
Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/  
Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/  
Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/  
Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/  
Jn 14:6-14
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/  
Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,  
44-48  
1 Jn 4:7-10/  
Jn 15:9-17

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**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**  
**MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the people of Holy Family Parish, strive to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ through education and celebration of word, sacrament and service.

**Join us Sunday, May 12**  
**for a parish bike ride.**

We will meet in the church parking lot at 2pm.

**STEWARDSHIP**

*Giving of time, talent and treasure in gratitude for all God’s gifts*



**Holy Family Weekly Budget Update**  
**April 15-22**

Envelopes (Weekly) .....	\$4768.00
Offertory (Loose).....	\$407.00
Children.....	\$2.00
Other.....	\$145.00
(Holy Days, Generosity, Utilities, etc.)	
Total Received .....	\$5322.00

**Thank you for your continued support!**  
*\*The envelopes and other gifts given by you, the parishioners, are the major source of income for Holy Family Church. Our budget goals are easy to meet if everyone does their part!*

## *From Father Nicholas' desk...*

### **Truth and Mercy**

As I concluded the last edition of Truth and Mercy series it occurred to me that the Word of God eventually creates a VISION for life and a template for living one's life once we pay attention to it. It looks like going to a school and acquiring a skill set to solve life's problems or challenges. So the saying goes that "the school actually passed through us" when we can actualize what we studied there. It is also the case that studying the WORD of God eventually leads to LIVING the Word or one becomes a hypocrite. This is the reason the disciples were first referred to as CHRISTIANS in Antioch because people could identify their way of life with that of Christ (Acts 11: 26).

Sometimes it is so difficult to live in conformity with the ways of the WORD of God. Sometimes I fail to synchronize my lifestyle with the demands of God in his Word. At times it is so challenging to carry out what the Word requires of me. Sometimes I out rightly choose to deviate from its precepts. This leads me at times to feel a sense of unworthiness or not worthy of the name Christian. To a large extent, I fail to keep the covenant God has with me in ignoring Him and His paths. But every time this happens, I feel a sense of not being happy. I feel alone in the wilderness of my own thoughts and isolation. I find myself in a kingdom of the self, where me, myself and I dictates what is done. This is the time I have technically knocked off any other authority over my life but myself. This is the ultimate feeling of "No one tells me what to do." This is really "hell" formed by me to take away my own life. This is not a pretty spot to be at all. This self-imposed kingdom actually promised the opposite of what it can deliver. It does not take too long to see the form of anarchy and confusion in the society to see many people living this sort of life. They are the ultimate "architect" of their lives. But a life run this way ultimately leads to self-destruction. A life based on subjective principles will ultimately be self-destructive.

Will that be the reason for hopelessness, or despair in the world? Will that account in part for unhappiness in homes, schools, institutions, and on the street? The Good NEWS is this!! We are loved and we can only find out in the WORD of God our Father. The TRUE breaking news is that Our Father wishes to have a relationship with us. The way of doing this and achieving this is that we become aware of his living WORD in the scripture. His WORD is a living fountain to drink from. His WORD is TRUTH and MERCY as well. The TRUTH is that He wants a relationship, He craves for a living and flourishing relationship with you. His WORD says, "I stand at the door of your heart and knock, anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me I will come and eat with him/her and they with me." (Revelations 3: 20). Can you imagine your God coming to eat with you? This is what happens at every holy Mass. God leaves his throne in Heaven and decides to settle on the throne of our hearts when we receive Him in the sacrament of his body and blood, soul and divinity. This same God who made himself visible to his disciples at the breaking of the bread. (Luke 24: 35).

When I find the times tough to bear or wondering with a challenging subject, I usually go to the Lord in the sacrament of love on the altars. I seek HIM and spend time with HIM. I truly find new meaning in what the Lord said to his apostles, "Without me you can do nothing." (John 15: 5). At no time has He left me without inspiration, encouragement, illumination or enlightenment. I have received refreshment and new unction whenever I visit with HIM. The WORD made FLESH is always with us 24/7 in the tabernacle and on our altars. Please seek Him who is more ready to help and save than you can ever know.

*Fr. Nicholas Akindede, JCL Pastor*



## MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2024



### TUESDAY, APRIL 30

7:15 am † Brian Carstens

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

8:30 am † LuAnn Wren

### THURSDAY, MAY 2

7:15 am † Spec. Int. of Elizabeth Schnur

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

4:30 pm † People of the Parish

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

7:30 am † Living & Deceased Members of O'Neil & Livermore Families

9:00 am † Ramona Wilkerson

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

**THIS WEEKEND: APRIL 27–28, 2024**

**SATURDAY** 4:30 pm Tammy O'Day, Cecilia Booth & Julie DeSalvo

**SUNDAY** 7:30 am Bill Barrett,  
9:00am Paul Roe, Diane Lannan & Steve Gaertnier

**NEXT WEEKEND: MAY 4-5, 2024**

**SATURDAY** 4:30 pm Mike & Kate McGuire, Mary O'Day

**SUNDAY** 7:30 am Cecilia Booth  
9:00am Sister Anne, Paul Roe, Spencer Sierra

### LECTORS:

**THIS WEEKEND: APRIL 27-28, 2024**

**SATURDAY** 4:30 pm Teresa Youngblut

**SUNDAY** 7:30 am Connie Dyer  
9:00 am Paul Roe

**NEXT WEEKEND: MAY 4-5, 2024**

**SATURDAY** 4:30 pm Mike McGuire

**SUNDAY** 7:30 am Diane Lannan  
9:00 am Janice Gaertnier



### ADA Update

Great Job! Thank you to all who have already made their pledge! Currently we are at \$66,215/88.03% and we have **\$9,003.00 to go!** We need your help to make our goal. So please make your ADA pledge today! Extra envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, April 27

8:00am—Mass @ Holy Family

9:00—First Reconciliation for First Communion

11:00—Funeral

1:00-3:00 Private Party (E)

3:00pm—Confessions, Holy Family Church

4:00pm—Mass @ St. Alphonsus

4:30pm—Mass @ Holy Family Church

### Sunday, April 28

7:30am—Mass @ Holy Family Church

9:00am—Mass @ Holy Family Church

9:00am—Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:10am—Confessions, Holy Family Church

11:00am—Mass @ St. Alphonsus

### Monday, April 29

8:00am—Mass @ St. Alphonsus

12:05pm—Mass @ Holy Family

5:30pm—Legion of Mary (E)

### Tuesday, APRIL 30

7:15am—Mass @ Holy Family Church

8:00am—Mass @ St. Alphonsus

6:00pm—Meal for Needy (MS)

### Wednesday, May 1

9:00am & 6:00pm—Bazaar workshops (E)

1:30pm—ASCS Mass, Holy Family Church

6:00pm—Religious Education Classes (SCH)

### Thursday, May 2

7:15am—Mass @ Holy Family Church

8:00am—5:00pm—Adoration, Holy Family Church

5:00pm—Life in the Spirit Program (E)

### Friday, May 3

7:15am—Mass @ Holy Family Church

8:00am—Mass @ St. Alphonsus

### Saturday, May 4

8:00am—Mass @ Holy Family

10:00-12:00 First Communion Workshop

3:00pm—Confessions, Holy Family Church

4:00pm—Mass @ St. Alphonsus

4:30pm—Mass @ Holy Family Church

### Sunday, May 5

7:30am—Mass @ Holy Family Church

9:00am—Mass @ Holy Family Church

9:00am—Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:10am—Confessions, Holy Family Church

11:00am—Mass @ St. Alphonsus

### NOTE:

Fr. Nicholas: weekly schedule printed in BLUE.

Fr. Young: weekly schedule printed in RED.

## Ways you can be involved in the Blessing Box

Pray for the success of the Blessing Box.  
Pray for each person or family who uses it.  
Donate if possible.  
Spread the word.  
Help in stocking the box.

## Scholarships for the 2024-2025 School Year-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade Students

Scholarships are available for Holy Family students attending All Saints Catholic School to assist with tuition costs. Applications are available at the church from Father Akindele & Father Young after each Mass. All applications must be received in the parish office by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Applications are awarded per student and not based on income. Each application will be reviewed and families will be notified. Recipients will be announced in an upcoming parish bulletin. Holy Family educational scholarships to attend Assumption High School are available on the Assumption High School website at [assumptionhigh.org](http://assumptionhigh.org)

### Life in the Spirit Program

Do you want to know and love God in deeper ways? Looking for ways to transform your life? What does God call you to do? Join us! Seminar sessions at 5:00 PM on Thursday: May 2, 9, 23, 30 and Saturday May 18 Enright Hall, Holy Family Church. We're learning about God and gifts of the Holy Spirit. All are invited, we look forward to seeing you there!

### ASCS Spring Scholastic Book Fair May 13-17 (Enright Hall)

Monday-Thursday 8:15am-11:00am & 12pm-3pm

Friday 8:15am-11:00am & 12pm-through Fun Night

Proceeds benefit our school library.



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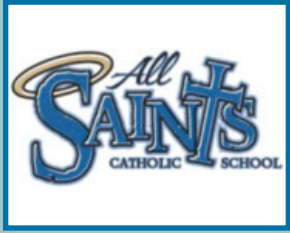
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