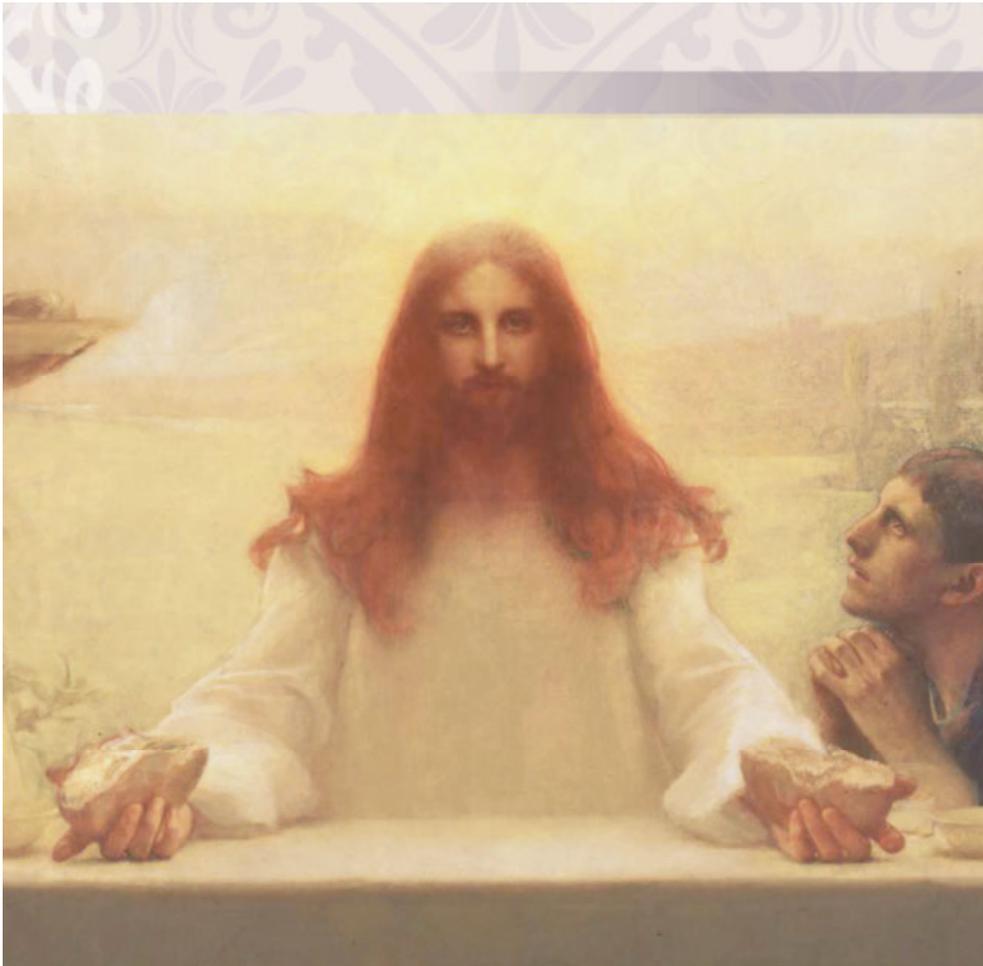


# St. Isidore

## The Farmer Catholic Parish

19812 E. 1000th Ave., Dieterich, IL 62424

Sunday, May 22, 2022



### 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." - Jn 14:27

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#### Regular Mass Schedule

*Times may differ on holy days; refer to ministry schedule/Mass Intentions*

St. Aloysius Church (Bishop Creek)  
19812 E. 1000th Ave.  
Dieterich, IL 62424

Tuesday .....8:00 am  
Wednesday.....6:00 pm  
Friday.....8:00 am  
Saturday .....6:00 pm  
Sunday .....8:00 am

St. Joseph Church (Island Grove)  
16987 N. 200th St.  
Teutopolis, IL 62467

Thursday.....8:00 am  
Sunday .....10:00 am

#### Eucharistic Adoration

St. Aloysius Church

Weekly.....9:00 am Tuesday  
until 6:00 am Wednesday

St. Joseph Church

Weekly.....6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Monday

#### Parish Office

Office Phone.....217-925-5788

Fax Number .....217-925-5879

*Answering Machines*

Church Office .....217-925-5788

Rectory.....217-925-5579

Submit written bulletin notices by 9:00 am on Tuesday.

Parish Email: [office@stisidore.dio.org](mailto:office@stisidore.dio.org)

Diocesan website: [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org)

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation Number (217)321-1155

## Parish News & Notes

### *From Fr. Frank*

There were many factions in the time of the writing of John's Gospel.

It just seemed like he was human. But He really was all God.

Others believed that He was not really divine, but was kind of adopted by God to appear divine. By the time of the writing, about a century after His historical life, various groups in differing locations who were struggling with the mystery of Jesus, in good faith, came up with these differing understandings.

These schools of thought continued their teachings until the maturing Church came together and eventually wrote out what we call the Creed, which we recite each Sunday.

Jesus was and is of course, a tremendous mystery, one person, two natures, that does take some struggling, pondering, and deep faith. John's whole Gospel has more to do with the faith-growth of the first and second centuries, than with an exact and historical relating of the events of the life of Jesus. The events of His life are actually quite limited compared to those which are related in the first three Gospels.

There are more discourses, arguments, and poetic expressions in John's Gospel which are all intended to attract followers to Jesus and keep them together as followers of "the One Who has been sent."

We have those same struggles and wonderings about Jesus and our willingness to respond to His ways. What we read today and will hear next Sunday are verses intended to encourage us in living with the promise of the Holy Spirit Whose coming we will celebrate in two weeks. As followers in the Church, we are listening in to Jesus comforting, encouraging and blessing us.

The "world" gives a sense of peace which is temporary and conditional. Jesus offers a peace which results from the permanent relationship He offers us through His Gift of the Spirit.

We do have worries and fears which are appropriate for us as fragile "bus-riders". We are comforted by knowing there are other "riders" who for centuries have ridden with their fears and yet in faith. The "world" needs certainty and demands the security of knowing. Human relationships of love go leaping into future "bus-rides" together. This leaping, yes, this is how we fulfill His request that we love Him by keeping His Word. His Word is not a command or law, but an invitation to be aware and accepting of His love for us during His life, death, and resurrection, and now in His sending of the Holy Spirit.

The wife of the American President Franklin Roosevelt, Eleanor, once said, "Every day, do one thing that scares you." Being his wife during the war-time years would have scared her abundantly.

Let's face it, being frightened is such a human experience; there must be a way of trusting God while reverencing this emotional reality.

We walk back down the aisles of our churches out into a world of unknowns.

We could stay in church and safely protect ourselves.

But we are sent to face our lives with faith and fears. Fears mean that some things are important to us. We protect what we consider valuable, precious, and meaningful.

As we walk from one liturgy to the next we experience the threats of fear and the invitations to trust the God Who makes a home within us through the Holy Spirit.

If we do a scared thing, then let it also be a sacred thing.

We are sent by the Eucharist to live, express, and enjoy life, even through our fears.

### **Office Staff**

*Pastor:* Fr. Frank Folino, OFM

*Office secretary:* Ruth Dust

*Pastoral Council:* Matt Brummer, Lori Bierman, Joe Meinhart, Dan Kocher, Sam Bierman, Jodi Locey, Cheryl Zacha, Emily Uthell, Chris Probst

*Finance Council:* Bob Niemerg, Bryant Probst, Lee Beckman, Steve Hunzinger, Keith Kuhl, Steve Mammoser

*CCW Officers:* President: Katy Niemerg

Vice-President: Julia Thoele

Secretary: Phyllis Jansen

Treasure: Margie Probst

CCW Email: St.IsidoreCCW@gmail.com

*Coordinator of Religious Education:* Rosina Esker

*Area Directors:* Jesse Jansen (Grove), Pam Apke and Stephanie Shadle (Bishop)

*Youth Ministry:* Andy & Maria Zumbahlen, Bruce & Peggy Probst, Alan & Teresa Waldhoff

*Music Ministry:* Valerie Rosa (Grove)

*Funeral Ministry:* Phyllis Jansen, Ron & Irene Donsbach (Bishop/Dieterich), Bernice Probst, Cris Bierman (Grove)

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### **Sacramental Celebrations**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, after the 8:00 am Mass (B)

Thursday, after 8:00 am Mass (G)

Saturday, 4:45 pm (B)

Sunday, after 10:00 am Mass (G)

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance with the Pastor. Couples are required to attend a Pre-Cana session and a Natural Family Planning (NFP) class. FOCCUS is required and will be done with Fr. Frank for those doing marriage preparation with him.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held during Mass and are not scheduled during Advent and Lent. Call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

Parents seeking Baptism for their child must be a registered parishioner for at least six months prior to the Baptism. Non-parishioners would need a letter from their pastor giving permission to have the Baptism at St. Isidore Parish.

A one time attendance to a Baptism Prep. Class is required before baptism. Godparents (not members of St. Isidore Parish) are required to have a letter from their pastor stating they are a *Catholic in Good Standing*. A copy of the child's birth certificate, sponsor names and sponsor forms are to be submitted to the office before a baptism. This is so all records can be kept as accurate as possible.

Sponsors

Please contact the parish office if you have been asked to be a sponsor and are needing a letter stating that you are an active Catholic. You will need to have been a member of St. Isidore Parish for 6 months to receive this letter.

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### **BULLETIN DEADLINES**

Articles for bulletins must be submitted by 9 AM on the Tuesday before the weekend unless noted otherwise.

**June 5th Bulletin** - items due no later than **May 26**.

## Parish Calendar

May 22 - 29

### Church Hours

St. Aloysius church is open daily—7 am to 8 pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays at St. Joseph 6 pm to 8 pm

Tuesdays at St. Aloysius  
from 9 am Tuesday to 6 am Wednesday

### Weekday and Weekend Masses

Refer to front cover of bulletin & to Ministry Schedule (p. 6)

**Sunday, May 22** - Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Sunday, May 29** - The Ascension of the Lord



### St. Isidore Offerings Sunday, May 15, 2022

Regular Envelopes (75)	\$ 3,641.00
Loose Change	\$ 335.00
Total	\$ 3,976.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 300.00
Cemetery	\$ 200.00

*Thank you for your generous support!*

### How to Continue Giving

- mail your check or drop it off at the parish office
- **Donate online**—use the online giving link. Go to: [dio.org](http://dio.org) scroll down and click on the online giving link OR <http://parishgiving.dio.org/stisidoredieterich> follow the steps to give (3% transaction fee applies.)
- **NEW!** Arrange for auto-pay on a weekly, bimonthly, or monthly basis. *No fee* charged for this option. Contact the office if you are interested!

### Pray for our Seminarians

Both of our churches have a display of cards featuring the seminarians in our diocese. Please pick up a card (or as many as you wish!) and commit to praying for that seminarian all year. You can also choose to mail them a birthday card or Christmas card to let them know that you are praying for them.

### BRIDGE OUT!

DON'T FORGET that the county is replacing the bridge that is just west of Bishop church. If you live on the west side of Bishop, please remember to adjust your route (and maybe travel time!) to ensure you get to church on time!



### Eucharistic Adoration

St. Aloysius Church

9:00 am Tuesday to 6:00 am Wednesday

St. Joseph Church

Monday from 6—8 pm



### Wedding Congratulations!

The St. Isidore Parish would like to congratulate

*Courtney White & Ryan Westendorf*

*Married May 14, 2022*

May you be blessed with many happy years together!



### Baby Bottle Project

Beginning with Mother's Day, May 8th, churches in Effingham and the surrounding area picked up bottles for the Family Life Center's **BABY BOTTLE PROJECT**. This project is a fundraising effort the whole family can enjoy. Simply take a bottle from the back of church and fill it with change from Mother's Day to Father's Day. The church will collect the filled bottles and donate the proceeds to the Family Life Center for the continuation of its pro-life ministry. This fundraiser provides an excellent opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in supporting local pro-life efforts.



**YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE A LIFE!**

### Parish Council Election



**May 21 & 22**

The following parishioners will be on the ballot for the pastoral council. You will be given the opportunity to select **one** candidate from each pair:

**Tim Huber or Jeremy Pruemer**

**Nikki Probst or Valerie Rosa**

**Jake Donsbach & Stan Habing**

The election will be held this weekend, May 21 & 22. You must be a parishioner of St. Isidore Parish and at least 18 years old in order to vote. If you vote for 2 people within the same group, your ballot will be null & void.

The retiring council members are Matt Brummer, Lori Bierman, and Joe Meinhart. We thank them for contributing their time and talents to the parish and the council!

### Pray the Rosary

May is the month of Mary, our Blessed Mother. In her honor, the rosary will be prayed 30 minutes prior to the beginning of each weekend Mass during May at both Bishop and Island Grove. Please pray to our Holy Mother for peace and healing in our world.

## PSR & Youth Ministry Notes & News

### IMPORTANT PSR NOTES AND EVENTS

#### Youth Ministry Events

Saturday, June 11 – Ultimate Frisbee after 6 pm Mass

#### Tuesday Morning Summer Liturgy (update)

Sign-Up forms are still available for our Tuesday Morning Summer Liturgy Program in the vestibule of St. Aloysius Church. Children are invited to sign up to serve, play organ, lector or bring up gifts. After Mass, children can enjoy a softball game and refreshments. This year our start date is Tuesday, May 31. Come and enjoy the family fellowship on Tuesday mornings!

#### FORMED

**Keep Holy the Sabbath (audio)** - Dr. Timothy Gray helps us reclaim Sunday from the hustle and bustle of our busy lives.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/keep-holy-the-sabbath-by-dr-tim-gray>

**Chris Stefanick Show: Want To Be Happy? Rest More** - God commanded us to rest, for our own good. Check out this link to hear more about what rest should look like? <https://watch.formed.org/videos/want-to-be-happy-rest-more-chris-stefanick-show>

If you have not yet signed into our parish subscription of FORMED, please follow these simple steps. Go to [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org). Click "Sign Up". Choose "I belong to a parish." Go to parish name and type "62424". Select "St Isidore Parish". Click "Next". Enter your name and email address. Click "Sign Up". There will be an authentication email to verify. Once these steps are complete, you and your family will be able to access all the resources available on this online platform. Check it out today!

## Youth Group

### Update

Congratulations to all the great role models in our parish! A

group of young adults - Madilyn, Paul, Elliot, Cortney, Athena, Virgil, Andrew, Melissa, Lucie, Hildi, Megan, Allie, Levi and Lillian - have agreed to help in planning, organizing, promoting, and handling the Youth Ministry events we hold throughout the year. Thank you for saying "yes" to supporting the youth ministry activities. We are very happy and excited about this year!

#### Upcoming Events

#### Youth Ministry Ultimate Frisbee and Weiner Roast!

All youth including incoming freshmen through out-going senior are invited to join St. Isidore Youth Ministry for Ultimate Frisbee and a Weiner Roast on Saturday June 11 on the parish ground at St. Aloysius church following the 6pm mass. Please bring your friends!

#### Canoe Trip

Planned for July - watch the bulletin for more details!

## Rosary Making

Rosary making from 9-11am on **Thurs., June 16**, at the home of Luke and Julia Thoele  
10447 N 1775th Rd  
Effingham, IL 62401

9-10:15 Rosary making                      10:15 Pray the Rosary  
All ages welcome - tools & materials provided - PLUS coffee & donuts! Rosaries will be shared locally and nationally.

Call or text Julia at 815-429-0158 or email at [juliathoele@gmail.com](mailto:juliathoele@gmail.com) with any questions. Bring a friend!



### Totus Tuus 2022

Totus Tuus is scheduled for the week of July 10 through 15 and will be held at Bishop Hall.

More details will follow in upcoming bulletins.

### Natural Family Planning (NFP)

Saturday, June 25, 2022 / 1:00 - 2:30 pm at St. Francis church

Friday, Aug. 12 / 6:30 - 8:00 pm online

To register, please contact Kate Pruemer at 217-821-1840 or [kpruemer@gmail.com](mailto:kpruemer@gmail.com).

### Baptism Class

Thursday, June 2 - St. Rose (217-924-4553)

Thursday, July 7 - St. Francis in St. Clare Hall (217-961-6404)

Tuesday, August 2 - St. Isidore (217-821-9178)

Thursday, Sept. 1 - St. Francis in St. Clare Hall (217-961-6404)

### Second Hand Rose

May 26 / 1 - 4: Ellie Niemerg, Christy Repking

June 7 / 1 - 4: Ruth Brummer, Linda Brummer

### Meals on Wheels Schedule

May 23 - 27: St. Joseph, Island Grove

May 31 - June 3 St. Aloysius, Bishop

July 5 - 8: Immaculate Conception, Dieterich

Please call Michelle Kuhl if you can help (618-686-2092)

# Vessels

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POWER OF CHRIST IN SCRIPTURE AND SACRAMENTS

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Come for fellowship, formation, sacraments and more!

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### 48th Annual DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE – Save the Date!

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming 48th annual Day of Prayer for Life to be held **Wednesday, June 29th**, at St Francis Church in Teutopolis.

Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration will be held throughout the day. Father Michael Berndt, Parochial Vicar at St. Anthony’s, Effingham, and St. Mary’s, Shumway, will be our honored guest celebrant and homilist at the 7:30 PM closing mass.

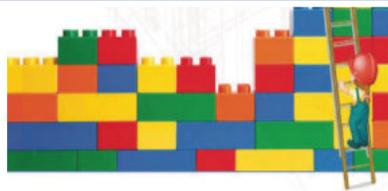


### Daycare Provider Needed

St. Isidore parishioner looking for a daycare provider for newborn son (born 4/5/22) beginning June 27. Hours would be from 6:30 AM to 4 PM (in the daycare provider's residence/facility). Please call 314-536-3288 or 309-657-1558.

### Catholic Times' Build a Church Lego Contest!

To celebrate the first year of the nationwide Eucharistic Revival starting in June, *Catholic Times* is hosting a free contest to see what young architect/builder can create the most impressive church from scratch out of Legos! Winners receive \$100! Go to [dio.org/buildachurch](http://dio.org/buildachurch) for more information, the rules, and how to submit pictures of your creations. Sponsored by O'Shea Builders of Springfield.



### Responding to God

#### Question:

I can't explain it. I feel a nudge from God to something out of the ordinary. How do I respond?

#### Answer:

You're in good company! Abraham was asked to leave all he knew and loved for a strange land, with only abstract divine assurance that such a sacrifice would be worth it. Plenty of prophets protested against God's call, whether it was claiming they were too young (Jeremiah) or running away entirely, only to end up in a whale's belly (Jonah). St. Joseph was asked to do something very strange. He was asked to believe — on the word of an angelic appearance in a dream — that his betrothed was pregnant not from another man, but by a miraculous intervention of God. Then he was called to marry her.

Author Flannery O'Connor once wrote, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd." Sometimes God's invitation might seem strange or challenging. It might require sacrifices we never expected to make. Our life might look different than we had always imagined. But as we all know, life throws its own curveballs, regardless of whether or not we're listening for God's will. Better, one would think, to be open to the promptings of God and to follow along the strange trails that they lead. We have the assurance that, eventually, we will find green pastures.

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## What's Happening...

### UPCOMING Events

**Every Thursday: KC BINGO @ Teutopolis Banquet Center**  
Doors open at 5:30 PM and BINGO begins at 7 PM! Food and drinks are available. Invite your friends & support a great organization!

**Every Friday: SonRise Meeting—St. Anthony Parish Center**  
Coffee is on at 6AM, prayer begins at 6:30AM  
Meetings held every Friday. Register online at [TMIY.org](http://TMIY.org) or call St. Anthony Parish Office at 217-347-7129.

**1st Sunday of the Month thru November: Monastery Museum**  
Tours will be available from 12:30 to 4 pm. The Museum is located behind St. Francis Church in Teutopolis.  
Adults: \$5 Children \$1 Info: 217-961-6404, ext. 236 or [monasterymuseum\\_st.francis@yahoo.com](mailto:monasterymuseum_st.francis@yahoo.com)

**Fri., June 10: KC Picnic, 5 PM to Midnight**  
The Teutopolis Knights of Columbus Picnic is Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>! Bring the whole family for a fun-filled evening! Kids' games, inflatables, dunk tank, bingo, raffle, hamburger stand, T-Town Treats, beer tent, bands (including Jake Schumacher & The Working-Class Heroes, Dakota Danielle Band, & Flight Fifty), & much more! The festivities start at 5pm & run through the night. Hope to see you there!

**Fri., June 17: Teutopolis KC Cruise Night & Car Show**  
**5:30 to 11 PM** Cruise through T-Town from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. Car Show on KC grounds from 5:30 to 9 PM (no charge!). National Anthem and Teutopolis Color Guard at 7 PM. The evening includes raffles, food, and refreshments PLUS surprises throughout the event! Proceeds go to Teutopolis American Legion, Meals on Wheels, and Teutopolis KCs.

**TEUTOPOPOLIS KC 2022 Cruise Night & CAR SHOW**

*All Vehicles Welcome!*

**PRIZE GIVEAWAYS! 50/50 Drawing**

**June 17, 2022 @ TEUTOPOPOLIS BANQUET HALL**

Cruise From 5:30 - 8:30  
Car Show 5:30 - 9:00  
Food Prepared by Shriners  
Porkburgers, Hamburgers, Brats, Hotdogs  
& Refreshments are available for purchase  
DJ Music by Vince Higgs

**HONOR GUARD TO PRESENT NATIONAL ANTHEM 7:00**

**NO COOLERS**

NO REGISTRATION  
NO ENTRY FEES

For More Information: Ted Brumleve (217) 240-2658  
Brett Higgs (217) 663-2433 • Dale Ruhoff (217) 259-9656  
Cody Willenborg (217) 821-3730  
Doug Pruemmer 217-240-6035 • Dan Dust 217-690-3884

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PROCEEDS GO TO MEALS ON WHEELS  
TEUTOPOPOLIS AMERICAN LEGION  
TEUTOPOPOLIS BANQUET HALL

**Ministry Schedule**

*If you cannot be present for your assignment, you are responsible for getting a substitute.*

Thursday, May 26 at 8:00 am .....St. Joseph Church  
 Lector..... Mary Meinhart  
 Sacristan ..... Mary Meinhart  
 Saturday, May 28 at 6:00 pm.....St. Aloysius Church  
 Lector.....Melissa Ruholl  
 Comm ..... Ruth Brummer, Ruth Dust  
 Sacristan ..... Diane Bierman  
 Organist ..... Gina Niemerg, Elliot Huber  
 Servers ..... Andrew Esker, Paul Niemerg, Ripken Miller  
 Gifts .....Rodney Lidy Family  
 Ushers.....Chad Britton, Gene Brummer,  
 .....Tom Kreke, Marvin Rentfrow  
 Sunday, May 29 at 8:00 am .....St. Aloysius Church  
 Lector..... Katie Brummer  
 Comm ..... Noreen Beckman, Lauren Ohnesorge  
 Sacristan ..... Mark & Marge Bierman  
 Organist ..... Madilyn Brummer  
 Cantor ..... Cassie Carpenter  
 Servers ..... Megan, Rachel, & Rose Brummer, Levi Brummer  
 Gifts .....Steve Hunzinger Family  
 Ushers.....Kyle Brummer, Brett Higgs  
 .....Andy Mette, Roy Probst  
 Sunday, May 29 at 10:00 am .....St. Joseph Church  
 Lector.....Carol Cohorst  
 Comm .....Denise Meinhart  
 Sacristan ..... Dan Shadle  
 Organist /Cantor ..... Linda Probst/Men’s Choir  
 Servers ..... Marc Jansen, Isabelle Probst, Keith Hoelscher  
 Gifts .....Jim Meyer Family  
 Ushers..... Jesse Jansen, Tim Jansen

**Men’s Committee**

St. Aloysius—May - Justin Funneman, Scott Brummer, Allen Rexroat, Brian Westendorf, Paul Flood, Jeremy Pruemer, Roch Westendorf, Robert Klingler, Tony Repking, Ed Niemerg  
 St Joseph- April /May - Allen Kistner, Joe Lidy, Kevin Lidy, Pat Esker, Todd Bloemer, Ted Einhorn  
**Church Cleaning**  
 St. Aloysius Church—May - Maria Probst, Gina Niemerg, Tracy Blackwell, Lauren Blackwell, Megan Blackwell, Ruth Bierman  
 St. Joseph Church—May - Kathy Probst, Mary Ann Bierman, Lori Hagen, Debbie Lidy, Angie Probst

 **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Brad Robards, Stuart Stephenson, Theresa Flinn, Steve Zumbahlen, Marilyn June Hartke, Roger Thoele, Alice Swingler, Mike Bierman, Carol Gapsis, Judy McClellan, Larry Emmerich, Pauline Repking, Tatum Garcia



Tuesday, May 24, 8:00 am: John Flinn  
 Wednesday, May 25, 6:00 pm: Brad Lustig  
 Thursday, May 26, 8:00 am: Clarice Probst  
 Friday, May 27, 8:00 am: Gerard Bierman  
 Saturday, May 28, 6:00 pm: St. Isidore Parishioners  
 Sunday, May 29, 8:00 am: Wilbert & Agnes Haarmann  
 Sunday, May 29, 10:00 am: Marilyn Zumbahlen

If you want a Mass intention for someone (living or deceased), please call the church office. The stipend for the Mass is \$10.

**Prayer for Peace  
 Saint Pope John Paul II**



Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace,  
 who are Yourself our peace and reconciliation,  
 who so often said, “Peace to you” – please grant us peace.  
 Make all men and women witnesses  
 of truth, justice, and brotherly love.  
 Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace.  
 Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee  
 and defend the great gift of peace.  
 May all peoples on the Earth become as brothers and sisters.  
 May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all.  
 Amen.

**Please remember in your prayers these men and women serving to defend our country and our freedom.**

Anthony Vahling, Colin Beckman, Devin Mette, Nick Bierman, Randy Brummer, Jesse Koester, Tom Bierman, Wyatt Hartke



**CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

**UNITED IN PRAYER**

for those effected by the tragedy in Buffalo, New York and for an end to acts of injustice in our world.

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**Mid-life Singles:**

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min 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.

Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.stlouis@gmail.com), or call (314) 283-0044 for details.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

is excited to announce the following schedule for **IN-PERSON** weekend Experiences for the summer and fall of 2022. We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants.



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8/5/2022 - 8/7/2022 - Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO  
9/30/2022 - 10/2/2022 - Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - May 22, 2022 - 6th Sunday of Easter**

Jesus tells his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." The peace that Jesus gives is far different than the kind that comes from the absence of war, conflict, or affliction. The peace that God offers is found alongside suffering and hardship, not necessarily in their absence. St. Teresa of Avila offers us a bit of wisdom regarding peace: "May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us."

In order for us to experience the divine peace that Jesus offers, we have to allow God's presence to settle into our bones! It is only when this happens that we can be truly taught by the Holy Spirit to discern the true path to peace and find ourselves with untroubled hearts. The world and our lives are so unpredictable and changeable. If we look for a source of lasting and real peace only there, our search will never be satisfied. Something will always unsettle and disturb us. The Jewish disciples could really relate to what Jesus was saying about peace (shalom). They already knew that it was more a matter of achieving wholeness and wellbeing than anything else.

Wholeness and wellbeing are precisely what is uncovered when we begin to really see and know the height, depth, and breadth of God's presence and promise. The elegance of God's Divine life flows through our blood and the marrow in our bones. It is that close and deep. As we breathe in and exhale God's life, peace becomes what we know within and what is exhaled out. This remains in the midst of intense conflict, persecution, suffering, rejection, and even death.

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