

May 7, 2023-Fifth Sunday Of Easter

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father." - Jn 14:6-7

5º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

"Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Nadie va al Padre si no es por mí. Si ustedes me conocen a mí, conocen también a mi Padre." - Jn 14, 6-7

Readings for the week May 7, 2023



Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/ Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

REGULAR MASS TIMES:

St. Michael

Tues. 5:00pm

Thurs. 8:00am

Sat. 5:30pm

Sun. 8:00am

& 6pm Mass in Spanish

St. Mary

Fri. 8:00am

Sat. 4:00pm

Sun. 9:30am

Holy Trinity

Wed. 5:00pm

Sun. 11:15am

Confession Schedule:

St. Mary:

Saturday

8:00am-9:00am

Or by appointment

PARISH OFFICES FOR ALL 3 CHURCHES LOCATED AT: 227 South Bench Street Galena, IL. 61036

Office Hours are:

Monday - Thursday

8:30am - 4:30pm

(Closed for lunch from

Noon to 1pm)

Friday 8:30am until Noon



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BARCH

First Holy Communion



We congratulate our 19 children who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday, April 29th. What a joy to see the wonder on their faces as they came forward one by one to receive Jesus for the first time.

They began this wondrous event as they gathered last Saturday for a short retreat and practice. Here we see Mrs. Tricia Tranel, their teacher, reading a story with them at the retreat. They also had a nice lunch prepared for them by the co-chairs of our Funeral Luncheon Committee.

It was also nice to see the wonder on their faces as they gathered around the Table of the Lord to witness the greatest miracle of all time, Jesus changing bread and wine into His Body and Blood.



Congratulations First Communion Class of 2022! May the awe and joy continue for all of your lives until you come to meet Him in your Heavenly Home.



Simone Achett, Colin Berning, Gavin Berning, Jameson Berning, Hunter Feldmann, Bryan Garcia, Jeyden Garcia, Andrés Garcia-Utera, Madelynn Kindred, Cooper Lane, Doyle Loeffleholz, Aaron Martinez-Rios, Alexa Martinez-Vazquez, Emelia McIntyre, Kaylee Phillips, Parker Sites, Cullen Soat, Millie Wiene & Nora Willey
(Children listed alphabetically)



The Galena Knights of Columbus annual Pro-Life program will kick off in May. We will be setting up cribs in the rear of the Churches



Please consider donating the following:

New or gently used clothes, preferably newborn to 2 year old.

(There is a need for boys clothes)

Diapers
Blankets
Socks



Books, age-appropriate toys
Gift cards to Walmart, etc.



Loose change in the baby bottles that will be in the cribs

Sorry, we cannot accept furniture or formula.

CATHOLICISM

FOR
ADULTS

The next session for Catholicism for Adults will be our Annual Breakfast meeting. At the meeting:

- You will be given a survey where you can vote on various topics that we might do in future programs.
- We will have a discussion to solicit your ideas on ways we could do things better in future programs.
- We will discuss some ideas we have been thinking about concerning new things we might do.

We will meet at the St. Mary's Church basement (Bally Hall) on Saturday, May 20th at 9 am.

We hope you will be able to join us. All are welcome even if you have never joined us before! Please feel free to bring a friend!

If you have any questions, or to sign up, please contact John Scott at j.j.scottjr@msn.com. While we encourage you to sign up, you are most welcome to simply show up!!!

ST. MICHAEL NEWS



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 5/9 5:00pm

† Tom Yugar requested by Family

Thursday 5/11 8:00am

† Ida Mae Creighton requested by Roger & Mary Long

Saturday 5/13 5:30pm

† Rose Oldenburg requested by Phillip & Paula Soppe

Sunday 5/14 8:00am

The People of St. Michael, St. Mary & Holy Trinity Parishes

Sunday 5/14 6:00pm (Mass in Spanish)

† Carole & Cletus Koester & Parents

ST. MARY NEWS



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Friday 5/12 8:00am

† Donald & Marjorie Fellenzer (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance) requested by Family

Saturday 5/13 4:00pm

† Oscar & Viola Korte, Carolyn, Lois & Ruth requested by Family

Sunday 5/14 9:30am

† Einsweiler Family, Mom, Dad, Brothers & Sister requested by Jean Richardson

CANDLES



The St. Joseph Candle is burning this week in memory of Oscar & Viola Korte, Carolyn, Lois & Ruth requested by Family

The Blessed Mother Candle is burning this week for Katie McIntyre requested by Terry & Elly Renner

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week in memory of Jack & Patricia Schuler requested by Mary Jane Schuler



The local Knights of Columbus Council 696 presented donations to three Galena Organizations serving people with special needs. The funds were raised through their annual Tootsie Roll drive.

First Picture: Kreider Services, David Tippet and Jeff Jensik present a check for \$980.23 to Mary Pigors and client.



Second Picture: The Workshop, David Tippet and Jeff Jensik Present a check for \$980.23 to clients of The Workshop.



Third Picture: Galena High School Special Education, David Tippet and Jeff Jensik present a check for \$980.23 to Heidi O'Shea and Sandra Getz



PLEASE NOTE:

Change for the May Altar & Rosary meeting: the regular meeting will be on Monday May 8th at 1:00pm
No brunch as planned for Sunday May 7th
Thank you

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Daniel Bautsch

May His Soul Rest in Peace



The Parish Office Will Be Closed Monday, May 29th

Early Bulletin Deadline for the June 4th bulletin is 8:30am
Thursday May 25th



May God Bless

Jerzmy Miller & Laura Thomsen
who were united in the Sacrament of
Marriage on April 22, 2023 at
St. Mary Church

"What God has joined, let no one put asunder."



HOLY TRINITY NEWS



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday 5/10 5:00pm

† Jim & LaVonne Heitkamp requested by Al & Mary Jane Conrad

Sunday 5/14 11:15am

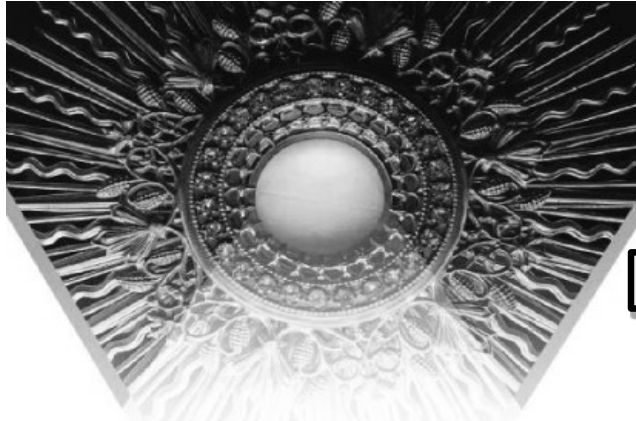
Holy Trinity Altar & Rosary Sodality requested by the Holy Trinity Altar & Rosary Sodality



Please pray for:

Jim Folks, Dave Shuey, Sharon Shuey
Ruth Henry, Darlene Greibe, Matt Klaassen,
Joseph Kieffer, Bernadette Spurr &
Nancy Schamper

If you want your living loved ones names in the bulletin requesting prayers, a family member **must call the parish office and authorize us** to have their names published in our weekly bulletin. Because of the privacy issues, we will not publish any names which are not authorized by the family either in the bulletin or in the intercessory prayers on Sundays and weekdays. This list will be updated every month unless the family wants us to leave their names for an indefinite period of time.



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SEE HIM

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Prayers for Our Priests

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Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.



Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

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Catholic Daughters of America	Joan Pedersen		
St. Vincent de Paul President	Paul DiTomo		

ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 23, 2023

Adult Envelopes Received	\$1,922.00
On Line Giving.....	\$105.00
Offertory.....	\$388.00
Easter Envelopes Received	\$25.00
Building Fund Envelopes Received	\$21.00
Initial Family Envelopes Received	\$25.00
Total	\$2,486.00

Contributions reported include those mailed to the office & collected from Mass

Diocesan Stewardship.....	\$800.00
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ST. MARY WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 23, 2023

Adult Envelopes Received	\$1,736.00
On Line Giving.....	\$210.00
Offertory.....	\$645.31
Building Fund Envelopes Received	\$15.00
Easter Envelopes Received	\$185.00
Total	\$2,621.31

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Holy Land/Good Friday.....	\$25.00
Diocesan Stewardship.....	\$25.00

HOLY TRINITY WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 23, 2023

Adult Envelopes Received	\$668.00
On Line Giving.....	\$395.00
Offertory.....	\$620.00
Easter Flower Envelopes	\$25.00
Building Fund Envelopes Received	\$25.00
Total	\$1,733.00

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Thank you for your weekly contributions. Your financial support is very important and key to meeting our continuing expenses.

Thank Our Advertiser of the WEEK

May 7, 2023
5th Sunday of Easter

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is *priesthood*.

St. Peter says to us, “**You are a ‘chosen race, a royal priesthood...**” To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I’ll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a “morning offering” prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That’s at the core of our faith.

— *Father John Muir*



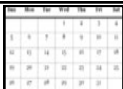
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Invites you to join us in prayers and support for the priests and sisters of our diocese. To show our appreciation and gratitude for their dedicated lives of service, a prayer calendar assigns a special day to each priest or sister. The dates of each week will be in the bulletin.

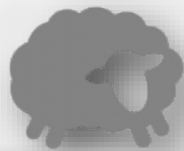
May 7th-13th

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| 5/7-Fr. James McGuire | 5/10-Hospital Chaplains |
| 5/7-Fr. Dorrance Tranel | 5/11-People of St. Patrick Parish, Hartland |
| 5/7-Deacon Don Callahan | 5/12-Deacon Arthur Holt |
| 5/7-Permanent Deacons | 5/12-McHenery Deanery Priests |
| 5/8-People of St. Flannen Parish, Harmon | 5/13-Congregation of the Humility of Mary |
| 5/9-Fr. Adolph Weideman | |
| 5/9-Sterling Deanery Priests | |



ST. MICHAEL, ST. MARY AND HOLY TRINITY PARISH CALENDAR

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Our website address is:

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Signup for Flocknote...Click on that link and it will take you to **Galena Parishes...sign up to get updates**. Fill in your First Name, Last Name, Email and Mobile Phone Number, then Click: Sign Me Up. That's it!
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Intercessions for Life May 7th– 5th Sunday of Easter

For those in public office: May they work to enact laws that protect and safeguard the gift of human life:

We Pray to the Lord

Sharing the Gospel with Children:

Jesus is getting a place ready for you in heaven. One day you can spend time with Jesus there. You will never get sick. You will never be sad. You will never be left out. You will be loved because you are God's special child, and he wants to spend time with you every day.



Prayer

Thank you for promising to make a special place for me in heaven, Jesus.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of what you think your special place in heaven might look like.

Mission for the Week

Jesus is getting ready for you. Make sure you are getting ready for Jesus. Ask God to help you grow closer to him every day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS FOR ALL 3 PARISHES



Greetings!

Last week, we have focused our attention on our young parishioners making their First Holy Communion. But now it is time to shift gears and switch our focus before this beautiful month of May slips away. May is that month- dedicated to Mary our Blessed Mother.

History Behind the Tradition of the Month of Mary

While we should honor Mary all year, May is an especially important month to remember our Blessed Mother. Historians believe the month of May was chosen to honor Mary because it is the height of the spring season, where gardens are filled with blooming flowers. This new beginning and new birth in nature reminds us of the life Mary gave to Jesus.

Why Should We Be Devoted to Mary? From her conception, Mary was created "full of grace," born without the stain of original sin. She was specially chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus and is the finest example of what it means to be completely obedient to God. As the mother of Jesus, Mary played a direct role in our salvation. She was the one entrusted to carry and give life to the Son of God. Mary is the perfect model of virtue. She shows us what it means to surrender our lives to God and to trust in Him. She shows us how to be pure in mind and spirit and is our guide to finding true happiness in God.

How to Honor Mary This May: There are several activities you and your family can take part in to honor Mary this May. Consider adopting the following traditions this May and every May going forward:

Pray the Rosary as a Family: Praying the rosary fulfills Blessed Mary's wish expressed at Fatima—to keep her company each day while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary. Get children involved by praying the rosary as a family. Consider purchasing a rosary for each child, so they can get excited about having their own, personal rosary.

Keep Mary in Plain Sight: Throughout the month of May, place an image of Mary or a small Mary statue in your living space and in each bedroom. Each time you see Mary's image, it will serve as a reminder to say a prayer or to thank her for her many blessings.

Create a Mary Prayer Garden: Setting up a little garden for Mary in your yard serves as a visual reminder of our Holy Mother. Your garden can be as simple or as elaborate as you prefer. Choose a Mary statue to be the focal point of your garden and plant flowers surrounding the statue.

Those are just a few simple thoughts on how we can make this beautiful month of May-Mary's month just a little more special!
God Bless~~Deacon Jay



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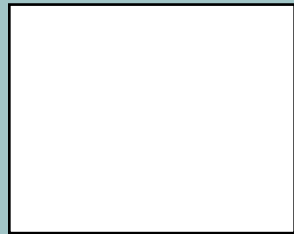
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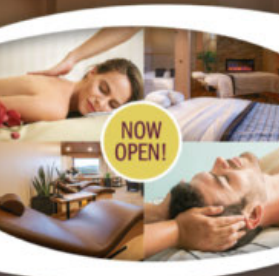
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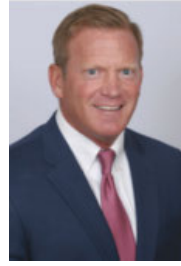


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