

MAY 26, 2019 • SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

103 Savanna Road • Hanover IL 61041

*The mission of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church is to provide a place of Catholic worship, sacraments, spiritual guidance, education, love and support of all ages throughout our parish and community.*

**Parish Mission Statement**

# MEMORIAL DAY

"I give you a new commandment: love one another." With these words, Jesus sums up the law and the prophets in one concise phrase. Love one another. After 2,000 years, you'd think we'd have it figured out by now! But all too often we fail in this commandment. Perhaps we mistake "love" for mere "common decency." Perhaps we've been betrayed, or our own visions of love have been tarnished or misrepresented in our lives. Blessedly, Jesus doesn't leave us without a guide.

"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Jesus himself modeled what this love should look like. So what are some of the characteristics of the love of Christ? Humility, for one. St. Paul writes that Jesus "emptied Himself." In becoming man, Jesus puts aside the full splendor of the Godhead. Not only does he become human, but he takes on many of the mundane privations of human life. He spent most of his life in relative poverty - especially by our standards - as a common laborer. When he began gaining popularity as a preacher, he still traveled on foot and spent nights in other people's homes or outdoors.

Jesus' love is generous. He was always available to the crowds and to being interrupted by people in need. He invested time in his disciples and patiently taught them about the kingdom of God. The love of Jesus is also courageous. He encountered many people deemed less worthy of human respect, due to being public sinners or having a physical or mental disability. Jesus was brave in breaking these social boundaries to show care and concern to the outcast. These traits are possible for us to imitate! Indeed, we are hardly identifiable as Christians without them. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, May 25

4:00 pm (SJ) \* † Don Delaney  
By Knights of Columbus

6:00 pm (SM) \* For the People of SM & SJ

#### Sunday, May 26

8:30 am (SM) \* † Don Delaney  
By Marilyn Gollmer  
10:15 am (SJ) \* † Deacon Dave Wilbricht  
By Maureen Irwin Mark

#### Monday—No Mass

#### Tuesday, May 28

5:00 pm (SJ) \* † Patricia Christensen & Family  
By Father Dennis

#### Wednesday, May 29

8:30 am (SM) \* † Lars Pedersen  
By Joan Pedersen

#### Thursday, May 30

8:30 am (SJ) \* † Deacon Dave Wilbricht  
By Knights of Columbus

#### Friday, May 31

8:30 am (SM) \* † Deceased members of Duffy  
& Bruns Family By Mike & Linda Duffy

#### Saturday, June 1

4:00 pm (SJ) \* For the People of SJ & SM  
6:00 pm (SM) \* † Jim & Sue Berlage  
By Joe Berlage & Family

#### Sunday, June 2

8:30 am (SM) \* † Josef & Magdalena Fabach  
By Joseph Fabach  
10:15 am (SJ) \* † Roland Petesch  
By Mary Wild

\* Pastor scheduled to celebrate

*“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” (John 14:27).*

Dear Friends in Christ,

In one sense, the whole mission of Jesus was to bring peace: peace with God, peace with each other, and peace within ourselves. By believing in and trusting Jesus and in the Father who sent him, we know that we can have God’s forgiveness and friendship if we repent of our sins and follow Jesus and his teachings. We thereby are at peace and in right relationship with God. By knowing God’s love, and responding to that love by loving God and observing his commandments, especially the commandment to love others, we will have a great peace and will spread that peace to those around us.

While Christians are not exempt from the normal sorrows and disappointments of life, and at times will have additional adversity in being persecuted for following Jesus, we need not be troubled or afraid, since we know that God is with us to bring good out of those difficulties, for us and for others. One immediate benefit of facing difficulties with faith is greater compassion for others in their needs, and willingness to help them as God wills.

This Monday our country marks Memorial Day. Officially we remember all those who have died while in the armed forces of the nation. Unofficially we remember veterans who have died after having served in the nation’s armed forces. It is also a fitting time to remember those who have served us in other ways, such as our deceased ancestors. Let us remember and pray for all of these, without whose service we would not enjoy the many freedoms we enjoy in our beloved country. Let us also pray for our country, that we will maintain true freedom to know, love, and serve God and all that is right and true and holy, now and for as long as God wills.

We are considering the addition of some type of assisted listening systems to assist parishioners and visitors to our Masses. There are several types of systems on the market, which vary in features and costs. The best system seems to be a “hearing loop” system that works with most hearing aids and cochlear implants with a “tele-coil” or “t-coil” (as well as iPhones and small, specialized devices with earphones). If such a system might be of benefit to you or others at our churches, please let me know. We certainly want people to feel part of our Masses, and not stay away because they cannot understand what is spoken there.

We are nearing the end of the Easter season. Next weekend we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. The following weekend we will celebrate Pentecost, which closes out the Easter season with the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, God’s love in person, who continues to animate the Church and us with God’s love, peace, and joy! Rejoice! Alleluia!

Our diocesan appeal has started well. If you have not already done so, please make a pledge, even if you can only afford a modest amount. God is not outdone in generosity!

In Christ,  
Fr. Dennis

### Respect Life Corner



#### Word Of Life

For all Christians:  
That we may rejoice in  
the gift of our earthly life, and  
in the hope of eternal life with  
God; let us pray to the Lord.

### St. Anne Society



St. Anne Society meets monthly in Hanover at St. John’s church hall.

### Knights of Columbus

Fr. Ron Conro Knights of Columbus meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the church hall at The Church of St. Mary in Elizabeth



### Stewardship Report May 18th & 19th

Not available at time of printing.



## Parish and Community News

Please contribute a baby item to the cradle in the vestibule to help support the unmarried mothers. This will give these young women a better start in life with their young child.

### Vocation Corner by Rev. Kyle Manno

As we approach the summer people are planning to go on vacations, learn new things, hang out with friends, and many other things. One thing that we cannot go on vacation from is our faith life with Christ. So as you enter this summer stay close to Christ in prayer, attend mass, go to confession and consider going on a retreat.

And you are in luck! Because prayer, mass, and confession are all available right at your parish... You are in even greater luck because the vocation office will be hosting summer Encounter retreats for men and women from middle school through college age. These retreats are hosted by religious sisters for the girls and by the Rockford seminarians for the guys. The retreats are meant to have an encounter with Christ and to leave on fire to spread His mission out into the world. So check out more information and register online at [www.rockforddiocese.org/encounter](http://www.rockforddiocese.org/encounter). God bless and I look forward to seeing you on the retreat!

Friends and neighbors come and enjoy a Community Lunch along with fun and conversation and fellowship. It will be held this month on Tuesday, May 28th from 11am to 1pm at the Elizabeth Community Bldg. ALL are welcome to join us for the FREE meal. This month the meal is hosted by Elizabeth United Methodist Church.

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#### **Mass Schedule\***

##### **Weekday**

**Monday:** No Mass  
**Tuesday:** 5:00pm (SJ)  
**Wednesday:** 8:30am (SM)  
**Thursday:** 8:30am (SJ)  
**Friday:** 8:30am (SM)

##### **Weekend:**

**Saturday:** 4:00pm (SJ) 6:00pm (SM)  
**Sunday:** 8:30am (SM) 10:15am (SJ)

**First Thursday:** 8:30AM-Mass, Holy Hour and Healing Service (SJ)

**First Friday:** 8:30AM-Mass, Holy Hour & Healing Service (SM)

\* Subject to change due to holy days

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 9:00-10 am (SM), 3:15-3:45pm (SJ) or by appointment. Contact St. Mary's office for an appointment.

#### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Engaged couples must call Fr. Morrissy to begin their preparation at least six months before their wedding date.

#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Call Fr. Morrissy to begin preparation.

#### **Sick or Hospitalized**

Please notify Fr. Morrissy of family members who are ill or in the hospital.

#### **Pregnant?**

There are alternatives to abortion! If pregnant and in need of assistance, call 1-800-848-love. For local assistance, call the Freeport Pregnancy Center at 815-232-5433.

(SJ)-St. John • (SM)-St. Mary

## Liturgical Roles

### Saturday June 1

**Lector K. Mulholland**  
**EM Maria, JoAnn & Peg**  
**Sacristan Maria**  
**Altar Serv. Joe**

### Sunday June 2

**Lector Julieanna**  
**EM Mike, Laura & Mary Wild**  
**Sacristan Deb Z**  
**Server Cora**

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

### May 26, 2019

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29  
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26--16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20  
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53  
Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28  
Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

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