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Masses

Mondays - No Mass

Tuesday - Friday - 8:00am Daily Mass

Saturday - 4:00pm

Sunday - 10:00am

Rosary - Tuesday - Friday 7:40am

Divine Mercy - Tuesday - Friday 8:30am

Confession - Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45pm



My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, **"I will not leave you orphans."** God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever.

He gives us a future filled with hope.

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now.

— **Father John Muir**

Readings for the week of May 14, 2023

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

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/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 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Observances for the week of May 14, 2023

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

Monday: St. Isidore

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord; St. John I, Pope and Martyr

Saturday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest; Armed Forces Day



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of the
Month



Mother's Day

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Buffet available until 3 pm.

Reservations are recommended.

Buffet Includes:

Ham	Au Gratin Potatoes
Spaghetti	Lettuce Salad
Linguini Alfredo	Pasta Salad
Mostaccioli	Avanti's Famous Gondola
Baked Mac 'n Cheese	Avanti's Famous Bread
Steamed Vegetables	Cake

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY SHOWER

May 13/14 and May 20/21

Once again, the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Baby Shower for Catholic Charities. A crib will be set up in the vestibule to collect the donated items.



Many things are needed:

- Infamil Baby Formula
- Onesies (0-36 months)
- Diapers all sizes up to size 6
- Baby Toiletries
- Toddler Baby Food
- Pull-ups (2T, 3T, 4T, 5T)
- Baby Monitors
- Cribs and Sheets
- Bottles
- Baby Car Seats (not on recall)
- Diaper Bags
- Strollers
- Receiving blankets
- Play Pens or Pack n Plays
- Baby Afghans
- Swings
- Bibs
- Bouncer Seats
- Towels and Wash-cloths
- High Chairs
- Baby Clothes and Sleepers (0-36 mo)
- Infant or Toddler Toys
- Socks and Booties
- Cash donations would also be greatly appreciated!

Thank you so much for so generously supporting us in the past. Your generosity to those less fortunate is a blessing. If you have further questions please contact Bill Durham at 309-696-6873.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

CCD CORNER

May Birthdays

Fr. Julius Turyatoranwa 5/7

In Memory of Dcn Charlie Robbins 5/16

Laurie Harkness 5/28

Lane Burwell 5/10/12



Fun After 50

Thursday, May 18th
4:45pm
in the Parish Hall

Potluck begins at 5:00pm. We ask you to bring a dish to share, and there will be **no meat** this month.

After the meal, it's time to Bingo!

Bring a friend or two... the more, the merrier.

Adult Bible Study

Thursday, May 18th at 7pm



The next study will begin Thursday evening, May 18th on Zoom. If you are interested, please call Deacon Steve at (309)212-5651.

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"What We Believe" - 10 week study

Suggested Donation \$30.00

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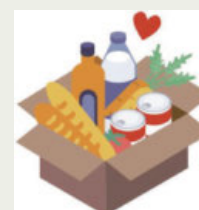
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**** NOW 1st & 3rd Wednesdays ****

May 17th 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Bring a treat to share and your own beverage.

Everyone is welcome!

Mass Intentions & Ministry Schedule

(Please note that the ministry schedule may change prior to next weekend. The churchscheduling.com website always has the most recent volunteer information.)

Mon, May 15 - No Mass

Tues, May 16 - Mary Jane Joseph (*Matilda Couri*)

Wed, May 17 - Maury Joseph (*Ray & Alice Giacoletti*)

Thurs, May 18 - Donna Meyer (*Jim & Joanne Bradshaw*)

Fri, May 19 - Arline Thannum (*Earl & Carolyn Riley*)

Sat, May 20 - Linda Racki (*Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians*)

Lector 1: Judy Reinmann

Lector 2: Bonnie Kumer

Altar Servers: Rick Couri, Bill Rogers, Wanda Schoch

Eucharistic Ministers: Toby Cantwell, Denise Underwood

Musicians: Barb Dolton & Debbie Wenzel

Ushers: Jerry Campen & Irma Robbins

Sun, May 21 - All Parishioners

Lector 1: Tony Bieneman

Lector 2: Greg Berry

Altar Servers: Josh Palmer, Ayden & Asher Malinosky

Musicians: Eileen Hahn & Jodi Scott

Sacristan: Larry Russell

Eucharistic Ministers: Max Cheatham, Henry Wefer

Ushers: Paul Flynn, Adolph Arnold, Bill Durham, Don Johnson

Counters: Pat Schmillen, Bill Rogers

***NEW* Saint Teresa of Calcutta's
Homebound Ministry**

Friday, May 19th 1pm - 2:30pm



Mother Teresa always cared for the forgotten and lonely and we would like to imitate her example. We would love to invite everyone who feels called to join us for our first meeting at the Hall. We will pray the rosary for the homebound and nursing home residents from our Parish. After we pray, we will write cards for each person on the list, and then deliver them as we are able. Our goal would be to meet monthly, so each of our homebound is getting a card and being visited by a member of Saint Monica at least monthly.



Michelle Bush

Mary Couri

Tom Doering

Ray Giacoletti

Marilyn Hawkins

Deb Johnson

Kathy Malson

Fr. Paul Meisner

Geri Reeser

Pat Rose

Pearl Yaunk

Tony Bieneman

Karen Clark

Sue Couri

Fran Geier

Nancy Green

Marchele Hayworth

Lori Kingery

Sandra Marter

Kay Michael

Ed Riley

Adam Vestal

Jan Bowes

John Couri

Gordon Cundiff

Ray Geier

Virginia Hajny

Judy Howard

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Eucharist, details about
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and more.



Watch the video:



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Join us for the Summer Football Camp
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**LADIES MAY
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Sunday | May 21st | 11 a.m.

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IN REMEMBRANCE OF St. Monica Catholic Church Parish Families Loved Ones

Virginia Kumer, Claribel Kluever, Dcn. Charles Robbins, Sr. Martin Therese Gensler, Albert & June Visocky, Albert & Genevieve Gianessi,
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