

May 18, 2025 • Fifth Sunday of Easter



# *The Cathedral of* **SAINT JOSEPH**

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## *Congratulations First Communion Students!*

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(Alphabetical Listing)

**LITURGY GUIDE – May 18, 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Welcome to the Cathedral of St. Joseph and thank you for joining us for the celebration of Holy Mass today! **Please, silence your cell phones and refrain from eating, drinking or chewing gum** in the Cathedral. Help keep our Cathedral tidy by utilizing the waste baskets found near the main entrances. **Please, do not take pictures during the Mass celebration.** You are welcome to take pictures **after** Mass.

**INTROIT - (At 9:15 AND 11:00AM the Introit is sung by the choir, followed by the opening hymn)**

*Cantate Domino canticum novum, alleluia: quia mirabilia fecit Dominus, alleluia: ante conspectum gentium revelavit justitiam suam, alleluia, alleluia. (Verse) Salvavit sibi dextera eius: et brachium sanctum eius.*

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia. (Verse) His right hand, his holy arm have given him victory.

**OPENING HYMN**  
**490**

**GAUDEAMUS PARITER**  
**Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, **(striking breast three times) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;** therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**GLORIA**

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to people of good Will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your Great glo - ry, Lord God, hea-ve-nly King, O God, al - migh - ty Fa - ther Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a - way the sins of the world re - ceive our prayer, you are sea-ted at the

right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men A - men

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 14:21-27**

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13**  
**(Refrain sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)**

I will praise your name for ev - er, my king and my God.

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The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in mercy. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

All your works shall thank you, O Lord, and all your faithful ones bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your reign, and declare your mighty deeds. **R**

To make known your might to the children of men, and the glorious splendor of your reign. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your rule endures for all generations. **R**

**SECOND READING****REVELATION 21:1-5a**

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.  
 The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,  
 and the sea was no more.  
 I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out  
 of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her  
 husband.  
 I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's  
 dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them  
 and they will be his people and God himself will always be  
 with them as their God.  
 He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be  
 no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old  
 order has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said,  
 "Behold, I make all things new."

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***Please Stand**(Sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)*

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:  
 love one another as I have loved you. **R**

**GOSPEL****JOHN 13:31-33a, 34-35**

When Judas had left them, Jesus said,  
 "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in  
 him.  
 If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in  
 himself, and God will glorify him at once.  
 My children, I will be with you only a little while longer.  
 I give you a new commandment: love one another.  
 As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.  
 This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you  
 have love for one another."

**PROFESSION OF FAITH***Please Stand*

I believe in one God,  
 the Father almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all things visible and invisible.  
 I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the Only Begotten Son of God,  
 born of the Father before all ages.  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
 consubstantial with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,  
*(bow here)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
*Virgin Mary, and became man.*  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
 he suffered death and was buried,  
 and rose again on the third day  
 in accordance with the Scriptures.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
 and his kingdom will have no end.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
 I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life of the world to come.  
 Amen.

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**  
**PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY HYMN (4 PM & 7:30 AM)**  
**499**

**DIADEMATA**  
**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

**OFFERTORY ANTIPHON**

*Iubilate Deo universa terra:  
 iubilate Deo universa terra:  
 psalmum dicite nomini eius:  
 venite, et audite, et narrabo  
 vobis, omnes qui timetis  
 Deum, quanta fecit Dominus  
 animæ meæ, alleluia.*

Shout joyfully to God, all the  
 earth; shout with joy to God, all  
 the earth; sing a psalm in honor  
 of his name; come and hear, all  
 you who fear God, and I will  
 tell you what great things the  
 Lord has done for my soul.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00 AM)**  
*Jubilate in C*

C.V. Stanford  
 (1852-1924)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: Serve the Lord with  
 gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure  
 that the Lord he is God: It is He that hath made us, and not we  
 ourselves. We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his  
 courts with praise. Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his  
 name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, and his  
 truth endureth from generation to generation, his truth endureth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

**Celebrant:** Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and  
 yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R.** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the  
 praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of  
 all his holy Church.

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re-sur-rec - tion un-til you come a-gain.

## AGNUS DEI

*Cantor or Choir:* All: \*Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
To repeat Last time  
have mer-cy on us. grant us peace.

## ECCE AGNUS DEI

**Celebrant:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R.** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## HOLY COMMUNION

**All Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward.**

**Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with their arms crossed over their chest to signal their desire to receive a blessing.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON (4PM)

I am the true vine and you are the  
bran - ches, says the Lord, al - le - lu - ia.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON (9:15 & 11:00 AM)

*Ego sum vitis vera et vos palmites, qui manet in me, et ego in eo, hic fert fructum multum, alleluia, alleluia.*

I am the true vine, and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia, alleluia.

## COMMUNION MEDITATION (11:00 AM) Pavel Tschesnokoff (1877-1944)

Let thy Holy Spirit  
Let thy holy presence come upon us, we pray, O Lord.  
Alleluia.

## HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

784

## ST. COLUMBA

The King of Love

## CLOSING HYMN

787

## VICTORY

The Strife is O'er

## RECESSIONAL (11:00 AM)

Above all Praise and all Majesty

## FELIX MENDELSSOHN

(1809 - 1847)

Above all praise and all majesty, Lord, thou reignest evermore. Hallelujah.

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## SUPPORT THE SISTERS



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Thank you for your assistance in supporting the Sisters.

The Sisters would like to pray for you in return.

**Prayer request cards and boxes are at the entrances.**



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Memorial Day Mass** - Fr. James Morgan will celebrate Mass on Monday, May 26th, **9am at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery**, Sioux Falls. We are grateful to continue this wonderful tradition as we invite you to honor the Communion of Saints, our veterans and loved ones at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery. Remember to bring chairs and umbrellas as there will not be a tent this year. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be held at Cathedral of St. Joseph.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St Patricia** - will hold their monthly meeting at Holy Spirit Church lower level on Tuesday, May 20th at 6:30pm. Recitation of the Rosary will begin at 6:15 pm. Our Speaker will be John Faundeen, Treasurer of Sioux Falls Area Right to Life, about the planned Safe Haven/ Baby box efforts. All Catholic Women are invited to attend.

**Camp Sydney**-The Lourdes Center will be offering a Grief Camp for youth and their families at Broom Tree Retreat Center, beginning at **6:00 p.m. June 6, 2025 until 11:00 a.m. June 8, 2025**. This two-day camp will include fun activities, discussion and support. The Grief Camp is offered free of charge. Registration is open at [www.thelourdescenter.com](http://www.thelourdescenter.com). Call The Lourdes Center at [605-988-3775](tel:605-988-3775) for more details.



**Father Chester Murtha Retirement Celebration** - **June 1, Howard, SD** - Father Chester Murtha from the Holy Family Pastorate is retiring from active ministry this summer. A celebration will be held at the **Howard Armory** in Howard beginning with a social hour at 3 p.m., followed by a program at 4 p.m. and a meal. All are welcome to attend and wish Father Murtha well in his retirement.

**Lumen Christi Day Camp - June 19** - The Special Needs Ministry for the Diocese of Sioux Falls, in partnership with Lumen Christi, is excited to host a day camp for individuals with special needs at St. Michael Parish, Sioux Falls from 9am-2pm. Contact Maggie at [nprice@sfcatholic.org](mailto:nprice@sfcatholic.org).



**Pilgrimage to Lourdes Grotto**  
The Catholic Daughters of Court St. Thomas #1533 in Humboldt and Montrose with the assistance of the Knights of Columbus are celebrating

their 75th anniversary by sponsoring a Pilgrimage to the **Lourdes Grotto Shrine in Salem, SD** on June 9th, 2025. Everyone is invited to attend. If planning to attend, please RSVP to Jackie Lofswold (605) 480-1277 by June 5th to make sure we have food and seating accommodations. You may bring your own chair for outdoor seating, if desired.

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Liturgical Roles



May 24/25

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 pm Nancy Ann Kadinger, Kate Piercemogen  
7:30 am Carl Eisenberg, Sandy Fitzgibbons  
9:15 am Don Rahn, Jeff Heron  
11:00 am Bob Lux, Michelle Sletten  
4:00 pm Ministers as Scheduled

### Lectors

4:00 pm Suzanne Bradford, Mary Glenski  
7:30 am Michael Fitzgibbons  
9:15 am Ruth Bordewyk, Jeff Heron  
11:00 am Bob Lux, Michelle Sletten  
4:00 pm Readers as Scheduled

### Altar Servers

4:00 pm Pontifical Servers  
7:30 am Thomas Mogle  
9:15 am Asher Hunt, Shadiya Katta, Yoniya Katta  
11:00 am James Mogle, Dominic Ostermann, Isaac Stanek  
4:00 pm Servers as Scheduled

### Mini-Bus Driver

4:00 pm Denise Rotert

**Dow Rummel** Michelle Gullickson

**Good Sam** Open

### Readings for the week of May 18, 2025

**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 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/  
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Craig Meyer** is Cathedral 500 Club's third winner for May 2025. He has received a check for **\$88**. Anyone interested in joining will find applications at the front entrance (Duluth Ave) of the Cathedral. Cost is \$5/month. Applications must be received by **May 25** to be in the June 2025 drawings. Call the Parish Office at [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390) for details.

## Mass Intentions:

- Mon. May 19•** *Easter Weekday*  
12:00 pm † Karen Murphy
- Tue. May 20•** *St. Bernardine of Sienna, Priest*  
12:00 pm † Marie Kinyon
- Wed. May 21•** *St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest,  
and Companions, Martyrs*  
12:00 pm † Ryan Platz
- Thu. May 22•** *St. Rita of Cascia, Religious*  
12:00 am † Mary Butler
- Fri. May 23•** *Easter Weekday*  
12:00 pm † Eileen M. Finn
- Sat. May 24•** *Easter Weekday*  
4:00 pm † Greg Naughton
- Sun. May 25•** *Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
7:30 am † Masako Gould  
9:15 am † Dell Cloney  
11:00 am † DelRae Dicks  
4:00 pm Pro Populo

## Sanctuary Candles

The five hanging Sanctuary Candles in the Sacred Heart Chapel are available for prayer intentions.

- 1.) † Bryan Tarnasky
- 2.) Doug Livingston
- 3.) Pope Leo XIV
- 4.) Anthony Lux
- 5.) Nicholas Lux

## Cathedral Events Calendar

**Monday, May 19 -**  
**6:30 pm - Young Adults**

**Tuesday, May 20-**  
**9:00 am - Quilter's Group, School**  
**10:00 am - Women's Group/Bible Study, School (200)**  
(Last meeting until Fall)

**Thursday, May 22-**  
**7:00 pm - Adoration & Reconciliation-**  
Sacred Heart Chapel

**Saturday, May 24 -**  
**12:00 pm & 3:00 pm - Reconciliation,**  
Sacred Heart Chapel

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today - May 18th is the Last Choir for the Season -**  
Thank you Choir for all of your hard work and beautiful music. See you again in the Fall.

**Save the Dates - Ordinations** - Wednesday, May 28 at **11:00 am** is the **Transitional Deacon Ordination**. Thursday, May 29 at **11:00 am** is the **Priest Ordination**. The Public is welcome to attend either or both. Please note: there will be No **Noon** Masses on May 28th or 29th.



### Cathedral Young Adults Group

We meet weekly on Mondays at 6:30pm - to provide a Christ-centered environment that includes fellowship, continued faith formation, opportunities for prayer, volunteering and social events.

**Join us this Monday for a Tour of St. Joseph Cathedral by Fr. Morgan.**

The Cathedral Young Adults group is open to all young adults in their 20s and 30s. For more information and to get updates for events and times - scan the code or visit our website:



<https://stjosephcathedral.net/young-adults>



*Congratulations!*

**Travis Schieltz & Elizabeth Woods**  
**Jacob Winters & Amanda Humlicek**

*Blessings for a Healthy, Happy and Holy Marriages.*

## Baptisms

**Anointed by the Holy Spirit through the waters of Baptism**

**Emanuel Arop & Arop Arop - sons of Myakol Mayom & Achok Demo**

**Madilyn Kaye Carney - Daughter of Patrick & Cassandra Carney**

**Congratulations and welcome into our Family of Faith!**

If you are expecting or have a child to be baptized please call Deacon Bill Radio **(605-336-7390)** for baptism planning.

### WEEKLY OFFERING MAY 3/4

Envelopes	\$	11,245.00
Online/EFT	\$	7,956.96
Visitors/Loose Cash	\$	5,321.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>24,523.17</b>

### WEEKLY OFFERING MAY 10/11

	Envelopes	\$	10,299.00
	Online/EFT	\$	3,603.00
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**Office Hours:** 9:00am-4:00pm M-Th, 9:00am-3:00pm Friday  
Closed - Saturday and Sunday

### Cathedral Church Hours:

Monday-Saturday - 8:00am-4:00pm

Sunday - 7:00am-Noon & 3:30pm-5:00pm

### Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday** 4:00pm (First Saturday of the Month Mass 9:00am)

**Sunday** 7:30am, 9:15am, 11:00am,  
4:00pm (St. Josephine Bakhita Community)

### Weekday Masses

**Cathedral** - Monday - Friday, 12:00pm (Noon)

**Monastery** - Monday - Saturday, 7:00am

### Confessions

**Thursday** 7:00pm w/Adoration in the Sacred Heart Chapel

**Saturday** 12:00pm & 3:00-3:30pm in Cathedral

(In the Sacred Heart Chapel if a Wedding is scheduled)

### Adoration

**Sacred Heart Chapel** - Thurs. 7:00pm-8:00pm (Confessions)

**Cathedral** - 11:00am, First Friday of the month

**Monastery** - Mon-Sat 7:45am-6:00pm, Sun 10:30am-6:00pm

### Tours

**Self-guided** - 1:00pm Monday-Friday (except Holy Days)

**Guided Tours-By appointment** [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390)

### Parish Staff

**Rector**, Very Rev. James P. Morgan

**Parochial Vicar**, Rev. Pasquale Armando Francesco

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**Deacon**, Jonathan Eckrich

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**Wedding Coordinator**, Mary Enderson

**Counseling Services**, The Lourdes Center - [605-988-3775](tel:605-988-3775)

### Sacramental Preparation:

**Baptism** - The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for our parishioners on Sundays after the 11:AM Mass. Parents must attend a Baptism preparation meeting. To schedule a meeting for preparation contact the parish office at [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390).

**Matrimony** - Six months preparation required. Registered parishioners, please contact the parish office. All others please contact the pastor of your home church. For wedding information, go to [www.stjosephcathedral.net](http://www.stjosephcathedral.net) under Sacraments.

**Anointing of the Sick** - Please call the parish office to request this Sacrament if you have been diagnosed with an illness, in preparation for surgery or in the case of serious illness.

**Catholic Cemetery** - St. Michael's Cemetery [605-338-3376](tel:605-338-3376)

## CLERGY REFLECTION

Brothers and sisters,

Mothers and fathers rejoice at the many “firsts” of their children—first words, first steps, first days of school, etc. Priests, too, rejoice in the “firsts” of their ministries. Much preparation goes into a priest’s first Mass. As you progress through the first year of priesthood, you have your first Christmas

as a priest, your first Holy Week as a priest, your first wedding and funeral, and on and on. After a few years, a lot of the big “firsts” are done. With the transition of a new pope in these past couple weeks, however, it has brought another “first” for me.

One of the beautiful aspects of the Church’s liturgical life is that she has Masses for various needs. A few weeks ago, we had a memorial Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. There is a particular Mass during the time of the conclave, with prayers directed towards the election of the new pope. Once elected, there is a particular Mass to pray for the Holy Father. Coming up on five years a priest, these Masses have been a first for me to celebrate.

I was struck in particular of one of the prayers in the Mass for the newly elected pope (or on his anniversary). We, as faithful members of the Church, owe our prayers to him. The typical prayers to pray for the Holy Father are the *Our Father*, the *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be*. Those, however, are not the only ones allowed! I wanted to share the Collect (the Opening Prayer) of the Mass for the Pope, as I find great richness and consolation in it. May it serve you as you continue to pray for Pope Leo XIV, that he be a good shepherd who leads his flock to the heart of Jesus.

*O God, who chose your servant Leo in succession to the Apostle Peter as shepherd of the whole flock, look favorably on the supplications of your people and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth, he may confirm his brethren and that the whole Church may be in communion with him in the bond of unity, love and peace, so that in you, the shepherd of souls, all may know the truth and attain life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

God bless you!  
*Fr. Klein*



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