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JoAnne Bailes		Principal
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#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday		4:30 рм
Sunday	7:30, 9:00,	11:15 ам

#### **WEEKDAY MASSSES**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM

Wednesday 6:30 AM & 6:00 PM

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday...3:00-4:00 PM or by appointment

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**Call the Parish Office for an appointment

#### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

Call the Parish Office at least six months prior to possible date

#### **Infant Baptism Preparation**

Second Tuesday of the Month.......6:30 PM Contact Kristy & Ryan Norris, 664-7702 or <u>kristylynn530@gmail.com</u> to register by the Friday before the class



## 5<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.



#### DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND CAMPAIGN Kicks Off - THIS WEEKEND 2021 Goal - \$286,140

The Diocesan Development Fund is vital to the life of the Church in southern Missouri. Please complete and return your DDF pledge card by next Sunday, if you were unable to do so today. Thank you!

Please note: If you are making a payment by check when you submit your pledge card, please make it payable to SEAS-DDF.

If you are making a pledge commitment to be paid over time, all subsequent payments need to be made payable to DDF and sent directly to the diocesan office NOT to SEAS. The diocesan office will send you payment reminders in the mail.

DDF pledge amounts are not included with your year-end donation statements from SEAS, but rather those records are held by the diocese and reported by their office.

#### BE SURE TO REMEMBER YOUR MOTHER Next Sunday, May 9



Please take time to remember your mother next Sunday, May 9, with a phone call or visit. Our mothers do so much for us, it's good to have this day to recognize their gift of life and love and to honor them for the many sacrifices they have made for us.



#### St. Vincent de Paul May Requests

For the month of May, SVdP is asking that you please consider donating feminine personal hygiene products, deodorant, shampoo and laundry detergent.

While our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is open each Wednesday of the month, our big USDA distribution, partnering with Ozarks Food Harvest, is on the second Wednesday of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. This is when we rely on parish volunteers. Individuals or groups are needed to unload and pack groceries into boxes/bags in an evening prior to the event (May 12), help in distribution during the event or help with the end of distribution from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM. If you are interested, please text or call Tom Ryan at 619-5467 for more information. At our first USDA pantry in April, we served 72 clients, including 23 veterans.

#### HARVEST HOME NEWS

Next Meeting Date Sunday, May 23, 6:00 PM Adult Ed Room





**Three Chair Positions Needed:** 

Security, Silent Auction,
Marketing/Advertising
If you would like more information
about any of these positions,
please call Linda Glendenning
496-2784

Garage Sale Friday/Saturday June 11/12

June 11/12
Help Needed the entire week before sorting/organizing/pricing and days of sale

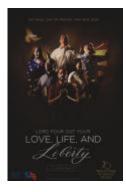


Please start collecting items now for the SEAS Garage Sale as you spring houseclean Let's make this the best SEAS Garage Sale event EVER!

#### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 6, 2021

This year's theme: "Lord Pour Out Your Love, Life, and Liberty."



The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people. Please use May 6 as a day to ask God to pour out His "love,

life and liberty" on our nation.

#### **BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFEHOUSE**

Beginning next weekend, May 8/9, you are invited to pick up a baby bottle and start collecting spare change for LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Center. Please place the baby bottle

in a prominent place in your home and encourage all of your family members to deposit their loose change. Then bring the bottle,

with the money you've collected, back to church on Father's Day weekend, June 19/20. Thank you so much, SEAS parishioners, for your continued support of this important cause.

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May	Sunday
2	DDF Sunday No Nursery available during Mass 10:10 AM PSR/ Confirmation 1 12:30 PM Graduating Senior Luncheon 8:00 PM AA/Alanon
	Monday
3	2:00 PM Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle 4:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 PM Gamblers' Anonymous
	Tuesday
4	6:30 AM That Man Is You 9;30 AM Mom's Group 9:30 AM Philippians Small Group 9:45 AM Parish Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Rosary Makers 6:30 PM RCIA
	Wednesday
5	8:30 AM Weigh and Pray 11:30 AM VBS Planning Meeting 12:00 PM Tight Knit Group 5:00 PM ROC 6:00 PM Diocesan Marriage Prep 6:30 PM Philippians Small Group 6:30 PM PSR Closing Mass 7:00 PM CREED 7:15 PM PSR Pizza Party
	Thursday
6	6:00 PM PCCW Rosary / Meeting 6:30 PM Praise & Worship Group
	Friday
7	8:30 AM Seniors' Mass/Breakfast
	Saturday
8	3:00 PM Reconciliation
	Sunday
9	Mother's Day No Nursery available during Mass 5:00 PM Filipino Community Mass/Reception 8:00 PM AA/Alanon

# MAKE SURE YOUR EVENTS AND MEETINGS GET SCHEDULED AND LISTED ON THE PARISH CALENDAR



Please call Heather at 887-6472

#### SING JOYFULLY WITH SEAS CHOIR

In the coming weeks and months, we anticipate an increased comfort level with singing at

church. We invite everyone interested in being part of our SEAS Choir music ministry to join us for rehearsals on selected Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. (Please see the calendar in the bulletin or on the



parish website for upcoming dates.) Our choir is open to everyone high school age and older. Our goal is to build a couple of smaller vocal ensembles in addition to adding to our Adult Choir.

#### **NEW TECH MINISTRY**

We are building a technology team to assist with operating the equipment for livestreaming Masses and running the projector (until our missals return to the pews) and various other



AV equipment during the year. This need for volunteers includes Sunday and weekday morning and evening Masses. Training will be provided, and you'll have plenty of support. Volunteers can be parent/teen pairs or

adults. High school students interested in helping with our technology will need a parent's permission.

For information about joining the choir, or if you have interest in learning more about our new tech ministry, please call:

Melinda in the parish office at 887-6472 or email *marnold@seaschurch.org* 



... to all who donated to last week's Second Collection for Catholic Home Missions

\$1,935 was collected from our generous SEAS parishioners!

#### SENIORS' MASS & BREAKFAST Friday, May 7, 8:30 AM

All seniors are invited to join their parish family this Friday, May 7, at 8:30 AM for Mass, breakfast and fellowship. This is a great opportunity to enjoy time with friends and to meet new ones. Please RSVP to the Parish Office (887-6472) by Wednesday, May 5, if you plan to attend - yeses only - so we'll be sure to prepare enough food for everyone. Hope to see all of you there.

#### Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

#### **Sunday:**

Acts 9:26-31 / Ps 22:26-28, 30-32 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8

#### Monday:

1 Cor 15:1-8 / Ps 19:2-5 /Jn 14:6-14

#### **Tuesday**:

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

#### Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6 / Ps 122:1-4ab, 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 57:8-10 & 12 / Jn 15:12-17

#### Saturday:

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

#### **Next Sunday:**

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / Ps 98:1-4 / 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17

#### DAILY READINGS AVAILABLE ONLINE BY USING THE OR CODE BELOW

Just focus your smartphone camera app on this QR code. Follow the pop-up link to the USCCB webpage for the Daily Readings



#### Stephen Ministry



Alone. Your children are grown and gone with families of their own. You don't have many friends left. It's hard to get out.

A Stephen Minister would like to be there for you. He or she will listen and care.

Please call:

Dale Buechler, c-618-971-7183 or 417-887-0170 or Joan McClennen, 417-838-6170



## QUESTION OF THE WEEK John 15: 1-8

**Key Passage:** "(the vine grower) removes every branch that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit."

**Question:** When have you been pruned by your experience in a way that led to greater abundance?

**Children**: When have you felt stronger or better because you did something hard to help someone else?

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Join us every MONDAY
From 4-8 PM
for adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
in the Day Chapel



Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle - 2:00 PM

## MEMORIAL DAY MASS with Bishop Rice

Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic concerns, Bishop Rice will celebrate this year's Memorial Day Mass, **Monday, May 31, 9:00** AM at Immaculate Conception Church.

There will be plenty of seating, but masks are required. The Springfield Area Catholic Cemetery Board and the Knights of Columbus will host refreshments afterwards.

This is a beautiful occasion to pray for our deceased loved ones, especially the men and women who have served our nation.



Sunday, May 2 5th Sunday of Easter 7:30 AM
Monday, May 3 Sts. Phillip & James, Apostles 6:30 AM
Tuesday, May 4 6:30 AM Evan & Gianna Acosta 8:30 AM †Charlene Rutkowski
Wednesday, May 5 Cinco de Mayo 6:30 AM
Thursday, May 6 National Day of Prayer 6:30 AM†Mary Jane Feldhaus 8:30 AM†Rick & June Whitaker
Friday, May 7 6:30 AM†Sam & Laura Pizzaferrato 8:30 AM†Dave Sommerfield
Saturday, May 8 4:30 PM†Oma Urban
Sunday, May 9 6th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day 7:30 AM

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#### **DENISE DUMARS Director of Religious Education** ddumars@seaschurch.org 887-6472, ext. 610



Our PSR classes are coming to an end. Our last Sunday classes are TODAY, May 2 and our last

Wednesday classes are May 5. All are welcome to celebrate with a special 6:30 PM PSR Mass on Wednesday, May 5. Please gather

in the Parish Hall to allow the 6:00 PM Mass to exit. We will have pizza afterwards in the Parish Hall.

#### VBS REGISTRATION for kids who will be entering K-6 grades in the fall IS GOING ON NOW!

Forms are available in the Gathering Area, the SEAS May Newsletter and from the PSR Office. This Summer's VBS Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through will be held June 13-17 here at SEAS.



VBS VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Contact



office if Denise or Karen in the PSR you would like to help. Adults and teens grades 7-12 are encouraged to volunteer. Registration forms for participants and volunteers are available in the Gathering Area, the SEAS May Newsletter and **VOLUNTEERS** from the PSR Office.



## For the Week of April 18—24

Operating Fund Weekly Envelopes	\$12,961
Building Fund Income for the Week	\$3,165
Special Collections Income for the Week	\$2 961

The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.

# Youth Ministry

Ellen Chindlund, Youth Minister

youth@seaschurch.org

#### **GRADUATING SENIOR LUNCHEON** TODAY, Sunday, May 2, 12:30 - 2:30 PM



We will be celebrating our congrafs graduating high school seniors with a luncheon TODAY, May 2 from 12:30 - 2:30 PM in the Parish Hall. We look

forward to acknowledging this wonderful group and praying for their success as they move into the next chapter of their lives.

#### HIGH SCHOOL SUPER SUNDAY **May 16**

Save the date! Our next High School Super Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 16. We'll begin the day by attending the 11:15 AM Mass together (please meet in the Gathering Area before Mass). After Mass, we'll go to Getaway Golf on East Sunshine (3833 E State Hwy D) for some mini golf. Bring your own lunch - we'll eat together on the patio at Getaway Golf. Youth Ministry will pay for the golf. Please contact Ellen Chindlund, Youth Minister, with any questions. We hope to see lots of you there!

#### LAST ROC AND CREED

We will have our last ROC and CREED of this school year on Wednesday, May 26. Please join us for games, food and fun. Both groups will meet at their regular times - ROC at 5:00 PM and CREED at 7:00 PM. We have fun activities planned for the summer, so keep an eve out for details in upcoming bulletins.

#### NO OPEN GYM UNTIL SEPTEMBER

There will be no Youth Open Gym in the months of May-August. We will begin them again monthly in September.

#### **OPEN SPOTS FOR STEUBENVILLE July 9-11**

We currently have only four (4) open spots remaining for youth to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference, July 9-11, on the campus of MSU. This conference is for students currently in grades 8-12. These last spots will be filled on a first-come, firstserved basis. If you are interested in attending, please contact Ellen Chindlund, Youth Minister at youth@seaschurch.org quickly. These spots are sure to go FAST!

## Community News...

## Our Prayer List

#### SEAS Parishioners

Deacon Tom Brewer Mary Cadmus Dale Carley Joetta Cotter Robin Crain Todd Davis Jerry Delashmit Scott Duff Anne Edie

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Carmel Field
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Ella Mantonya
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Yolanda Murphy
Tony Pelliccio
Donna Waters
Nancy Willoughby
Steve Woodring

## Our Friends & Loved Ones

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John Dix
Maryann Fleder
Bill Gann
Rick Garner
Helen Harter
Jess Haskell
Joyce Martin
Arthur Medrano
Susan Moore
Matt Rosebrough
Larry Schied
Joseph Sims
Michelle Waldo
Stacy Powers Yerby

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT REQUESTED FOR PROJECT GRADUATION

On May 14, 2021, 96 seniors will graduate from Springfield Catholic High School. Follow-

ing graduation, parents will host an all-night drug and alcohol free celebration known as Project Graduation. Funding for this event is solely from parents and the community. Please consider making a contribution for

the success of the evening.

Checks may be made payable to SCHS Project Graduation 2021 and mailed to SCHS, ATTN: Project Graduation, 2340 S Eastgate, Springfield, MO 65809. You may also donate online by credit card at <a href="https://scs.revtrak.net/springfield-catholic-high-school/pg/">https://scs.revtrak.net/springfield-catholic-high-school/pg/</a>.

The Class of 2021 sincerely appreciates your financial and prayerful support for Project Graduation and the graduates.

## MAY is the MONTH OF MARY & the ROSARY



During the month of May, the Church invites us to reflect on Mary's life and her response to God. Praying the rosary, and meditating on the mysteries of the rosary, is one way to do this. Mary is our model for coming to know and to follow the will of God in our lives.

## Pray for Those Serving in the Military

Taylor Adams
Tanner Burnett
Joe Carey
Adam Casto
Jordin Culberson
Dorian Dorweiler
Lauren Duer
Michael Harter
Kegan Higgerson



Sam Holbrook Randy McIlquham Ryan McIlquham Christian Miller Harold Millirons Ryan Moran Joe Mulheron Michael Murphy John Warren

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT DIOCESE

**Associate Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry** 

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau seeks qualified applicants to fill a position working in collaboration with the Diocesan Director of Evangeliza-

tion, Catechesis and Youth Formation Ministry. Applicants must be practicing Roman Catholics. It is preferred that applicants have a Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministry, Theology or Reli-



gious Education/Catechesis. Bachelor's Degree will be considered. Experience at parish or diocesan level is required.

This is a full-time, exempt position. Evening and weekend hours, as well as extensive travel driving across the diocese will be required. Position start date is July 1, 2021. Compensation includes competitive salary, excellent health benefits and retirement plan based on diocesan guidelines.

To request an application packet, including detailed job description, please contact Jan Smith at The Catholic Center, *jansmith@dioscg.org* or call 866-0842.

## SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SEEKS PART-TIME NURSE

(variety of hours/days/locations)



Applicants must have nurse and VIRTUS certification and be practicing Catholics. Please contact Cheryl Bond, 865-5567, ext 032, for more information.

#### PARAPROFESSIONAL (Teacher's Aide)

To submit an application, go to <u>scspk12.org</u> and click "About" and "Employment Opportunities" and then select the desired position.

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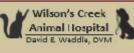
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