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## *St. James*

*First Communion*



*April 11, 2021*

**Students are:** Lia Jares, Trevor Bobick, Reed Jensen, Grace Strack, Alayna Kalis, and with Adylen Czech receiving at a later date. **Teacher:** Diane Herold  
**Priest:** Fr. Timothy Wenzel



## *St. Stanislaus*

*April 25, 2021*



**Back row:** Fr. Jimmy, Izaak Vetsch, Daniel Schwinn, Conrad Schwinn  
**Front row:** Hadlee Fouquette and Jaiden Oldakowski

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

SACRED HEART CHURCH	ST. JAMES CHURCH	ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH
<u>Collections this week: 4/25/21</u>	<u>Collections this week: 4/25/21</u>	<u>Collections this week: 4/25/21</u>
Adult \$1,498.00	Adult \$1,115.00	Adult \$2,050.00
Latin \$1,218.00	Maintenance \$ 105.00	Maintenance \$1,190.00
Loose \$ 150.00	Missions \$ 110.00	Loose \$ 243.00
Easter \$ 300.00	Total \$1,330.00	Easter \$ 200.00
Missions \$ 60.00		Missions \$ 105.00
Total \$3,226.00		Total \$3,788.00

Please join us in saying the *Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, & Benediction*

† Every Monday **St. James - 6:00 pm - Live Stream** †



**Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross** will be in our area with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. (Fr. Carlos has the “largest traveling display, of (sacred) relics in the world”.) Among the treasures will be relics of Sts. Peter and Paul, St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), St. Francis of Assisi, St.

Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Throughout history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics; and many have been come about through this ministry. Do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, metals, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. Check out the website for more information. <https://treasuresofthechurch.com/>

**Presentations will be at the following parishes:**

- † **Wednesday**, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. at Assumption Church in Eden Valley
- † **Thursday**, May 6, at 6:30 p.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Gilman
- † **Saturday**, May 8, at 1 p.m. at St. Mary Church in Milaca
- † **Sunday**, May 9, at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew Church in Elk River



*In Loving Memory*

The parishioners of Sacred Heart would like to express our sympathy to the family and friends of

**Jerome Marcoullier**



**Sacred Heart Parish Council meeting**

Wednesday, May 5th at 6:30 pm in the church basement.



**St. James Parish Council meeting**

Tuesday, May 4th after 7:00 pm Mass.

**Boat Blessing**

- Monday** May 3, 2021 @ St. James 7:00pm
- Wednesday** May 5, 2021 @ Sacred Heart 6:30pm
- Thursday** May 6, 2021 @ St. Stanislaus 6:30 pm

Father will have a prayer for all boats and then will bless each individually.

You are invited to come and watch a 7-part series of 20 - 30 minute videos on *Mondays* after the Rosary around 7:00PM in the back hall at St James. These videos are from "The Search" from the online subscription to "FORMED". The next video we will be viewing:

**Episode 3—What's Our Story?**

**Ushers at St. James for the month of May:**



- Charlie Andres
- Mona Wippler
- John Kelzer
- Joe Bontjes



Welcome to our Church Family

*Frank Otto Hubner*

Son to David and Rachel Hubner



Daughters of Isabella's meeting on May 3 at 6:00 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes's basement. Thank you.

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**May 2, 2021**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

“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.

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### **Pope Francis calls for global prayer marathon for the end to the pandemic**

Pope Francis has called for a global prayer marathon for the entire month of May, praying for the end to the pandemic.

“The initiative will involve in a special way all shrines in the world” in promoting the initiative so that individuals, families and communities all take part in reciting the rosary, “to pray for the end of the pandemic,” said the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization in a press release April 21.

“It is the heartfelt desire of the Holy Father that the month of May be dedicated to a prayer marathon dedicated to the theme, ‘from the entire church an unceasing prayer rises to God,’” it said.

The theme refers to the miraculous event recounted in the Acts of the Apostles (12:1-12) when all the church prayed for Peter, who was imprisoned until God sent an angel to free him, illustrating how the Christian community comes together to pray in the face of danger and how the Lord listens and performs an unexpected miracle.

Each day in May, there will be a livestream from one of 30 chosen Marian shrines or sanctuaries to guide the prayer at 6 p.m. Rome time (noon EDT) on all Vatican media platforms.

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### Prayer Line

St. Stanislaus—Anna Mae Woltman ..... 632-9039

Sacred Heart— Office ..... 632-6930

St. James—Carmen Maschler ..... 749-2232

### Celebrating the Sacraments

**Baptism:** Call pastor to arrange pre-baptismal classes.

**Reconciliation:** 45 minutes before the weekend Masses or by appointment.

**Weddings:** Engaged couples should contact the pastor at least 6 months in advance.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call parish office for homebound/hospitalized.

## Prayer Corner



**We Pray for...** Lorraine Altrichter, Terry Andres, Luann Baggentoss, Kristina Becker, **Barb Bentler**, Brad, Cathy Bygd, Ron Czech, Shari Danzien, Ron Frey, Father Glen Frerichs, Irene Fussy, Terry Garrison, Renee Gummert, Ron Holthaus, **Mike Hoheisel**, Joe Kuchinski, Joyce McDonald, Lois Olson, Denny Patton, Jeff Pauls, Connie Plumski, Bob Mahling, Kitty Mazzarro, John Sobiech, Rick Sullivan, Dylan Thornborrow, Joanne Wenning, Liz Mahling Wheeler, Norman Williams, Greg Yourczek, Bunny Zimmerman, all our service men and women, and all those who received a **prayer blanket**.

**We pray for all those in the nursing home and those who are homebound.**

In order to keep the prayer corner current, names will be kept on the prayer corner for **two months** unless requested to come off earlier. If a name comes off that you want put back on, please politely call the parish office or the contact for your parish to have them put back on.

**REMINDER:** In order for names to be on our prayer corner the **INDIVIDUAL or a FAMILY MEMBER** must inform the parish office or the prayer line contact for your parish. Due to the Privacy Act we are unable to put names without their permission on our prayer list. Thank you.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Monday, 5/3</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>6:00pm Rosary</b>	<b>Live Stream</b>	<b>St. James</b>
<b>Tuesday, 5/4</b>		<b>St. Stanislaus</b>
<b>8:00am Mass</b>		†Leo & †Bridget Sobiech
<b>7:00pm Mass</b>	<b>Live Stream</b>	<b>St. James</b>
		†Florence & †George Harakel
<b>Wednesday, 5/5</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Thursday, 5/6</b>		<b>St. James</b>
<b>8:00 am Mass</b>		†Mark Waldoch
<b>6:00 pm Mass</b>		<b>St. Stanislaus</b>
	<b>Live Stream</b>	†Bill Buermann
<b>Friday, 5/7</b>		<b>Sacred Heart</b>
<b>8:00 am Mass</b>	<b>Live Stream</b>	†Leona Schneider
<b>Saturday, 5/8</b>		<b>Sacred Heart</b>
<b>4:30 pm Mass</b>		†Ruth Bue
<b>Sunday, 5/9</b>		<b>St. Stanislaus</b>
<b>8:30 am Mass</b>	Safety of Men & Women in National Guard	
<b>Sunday, 5/9</b>	<b>Live Stream</b>	<b>St. James</b>
<b>10:30 am Mass</b>		† Leo & †Bernadine Wimmer
<b>Sunday, 5/9</b>		<b>Sacred Heart</b>
<b>10:00 am Mass</b>		<b>Latin</b>

### Is gossip a mortal sin?

**Answer:**

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: “You shall not bear false witness.” In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing “false witness” means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word “gossip” isn’t used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words “detraction” and “calumny,” which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing “another’s faults and failings to persons who did not know them,” without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it “harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements” (see no. 2477). In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479). Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: “No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it” (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person’s good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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