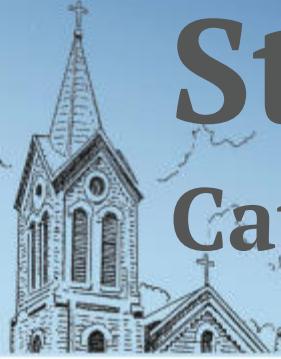


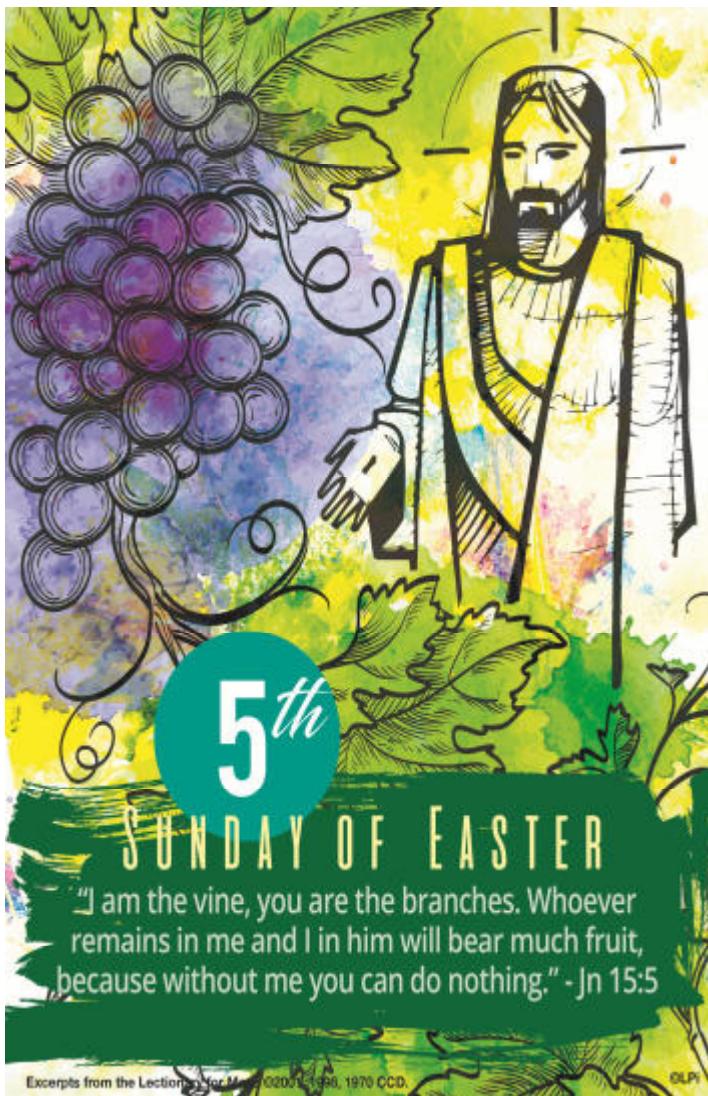
St. Joseph Catholic Church



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Parish Mission Statement

By the grace of God, St. Joseph Parish seeks to empower its parishioners to grow in holiness as we worship God more worthily and become an evermore closely bound community of Catholics. Through the community, we strive to know, love, serve God and one another, and to spread God's Kingdom through prayer, evangelization, and service to the Catholic Church, the civil community, and all of God's children.



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001-1996, 1970 CCD.

*Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.*

John 15:4a, 5b

Parish Staff

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Mass Schedule

Saturday at 4:00 pm
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 am
Weekdays: M-F: 8:30 am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm
Sunday: 7:00 - 7:45, 9:45 - 10:15 am
By appointment. Please call the parish office.

Infant Baptism

Please call for an appointment.

Marriage Preparation

Call for an appointment. Please allow at least six months before the planned date.

Catholic Inquiry/RCIA

Questions? Call and come in for a visit!

Adoration Hours: Monday-Friday

Open 24 hours daily throughout the week.

Fifth Sunday of Easter • May 2, 2021

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Mass Schedule - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sat	05/01	4:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun	05/02	8:00 am	†Paul Anthony Terrell
		10:30 am	†Fr. Denis Dougherty
Mon	05/03	8:30 am	Kyriakos Charalambous
Tue	05/04	8:30 am	Wayne & †Darlene Wilbanks
Wed	05/05	8:30 am	Ella Winkelman
Thu	05/06	8:30 am	†Charles & †Veronica Barmann
Fri	05/07	8:30 am	†Joseph & †Irene Ryan
Sat	05/08	4:00 pm	†Christine Shannon
Sun	05/09	8:00 am	†Nancy Banasik
		10:30 am	People of the Parish

Readings for next week May 9th

*Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17*

Calendar of Events

For the Week of May 2nd

Sun	8:00 & 10:30 am	Mass (Facebook live-stream)
	9:15 am	Mystagogia
Mon-Fri	8:30 am	Mass (Facebook live-stream)
Mon	9:00 am	TOPS
Mon & Wed	4:00 pm	Zoom Family Rosary
Tue	NO MORNING MASS	
	9:30-12:30 pm	Food Pantry
	9:30 am	Word Among Us Group
	1:00 pm	Quilters
Thu	All Day	National Day of Prayer
	7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting

Our Gifts to God for the Week of April 25th

Envelopes	\$3,655.00	Academy	\$100.00
Plate	\$973.65	The Poor	\$50.00
Building	\$380.00	Holy Land	\$106.00
Votive	\$22.00	CHM	\$776.00
Food Pantry	\$20.00	Online	\$1013.67
Mass Intentions	\$50.00		

Please Pray For Our Sick... 

Penny Harrison
Miguel Nelson
Betty Brockus
John Wagner

Carla Duff
Brenda Forte
Laurie Richardson
David Zeszutek

Linda Hasler
Ed Bailey
Cheryl Grooms
Mary F. Kroutil
Mike Banasik
Kim Nye



National Day of Prayer: The National Day of Prayer tradition predates the founding of the United States of America evidenced by the Continental Congress' proclamation in 1775 setting aside a day of prayer. In 1952, Congress established an annual day of prayer and, in 1988, that law was amended designating the **National Day of Prayer as the first Thursday on May 6th, 2021.**



Congratulations

Fontana Young
on the beautiful blessing
from Bishop Rice for your
26 years of service!
For all you do, we thank you.



FLOWERS TO COMMEMORATE
Lydia Fellwock gave the flowers for
this weekend, May 1st - 2nd Masses,
for Mary, the Mother of God,
and all mothers whose life-giving,
sacrificial love, like Mary,
changes the world.



Eloise Dee Vriell, newly baptized,
shown in the photo with her parents Edward
and Sonia Vriell, sister Amilia, and Fr. Barmann.

Stewardship Reflection

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter • May 2, 2021

Ministers for May 8 – May 9, 2021
(Please get a substitute if you cannot minister.)

Mass	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Hospitality Minister	Server
4:00	Father	McCann, M.	Gallagher, T.	Gallagher, J.
	Deacon	Lintt, B.	Gaynor, P.	Young, F.
	Holman, T.		Gaynor, G.	
			Hale, L.A.	
8:00	Father	Shaughnessy, P.	Blanton, C.	Fronick, G.
	Deacon	Skalicky, C.	Cetola, C.	Lugger, D.
	Witt, L.		Cherry, G.	
			Ruddell, J.	
10:30	Father	Dobbs, M.A.	Duff, R.	Dwyer, G.
	Deacon	Dobbs, J.	Hammer, M.	Stokes, S.
	Stokes, J.		Hammer, Mo.	
			Sifferman, K.	
	Organist	Guitars	Cantor	
4:00		Guitars		
8:00	Gail		Bonnie	
10:30	Theresa		Jenny	

SAVE THE DATE: This summer's Vacation Bible School ***Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through*** is scheduled for **June 13th-17th** from 6:00 - 8:30 pm at Elizabeth Ann Seton for grades K-6. Adults and teens grades 7-12 are encouraged to help. Registration forms for participants and volunteers will be available



Rosary Rally: To commemorate the 117th anniversary of Our Lady appearing at Fatima on May 13, 1917, a Rosary Rally will be held in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, at Noon (rain or shine), May 15, 2021, at Planned Parenthood, 626 Battlefield Rd., Spfd on the sidewalk.

Please contact Rorie Orgeron, 417-824-9086 with any questions.

Help Needed: A homebound parishioner is looking for a home aide on weekdays. She has minimal mobility and uses an electric wheelchair. Responsibilities are light housework, laundry, some minor personal care duties, and run small errands. Interested person(s), please call Brenda Forte regarding the hours, pay, and an application at 417-227-8200.

What Is Happening at Our Parish School?

It's spring!

Time to learn about the Lifecycle of the Butterfly - and the beauty and miracles of God's creation.



The caterpillar hatches from the egg! (paper plate) The caterpillar eats lots of leaves, then wraps itself in a chrysalis! (toilet paper tube). The caterpillar emerges



from the chrysalis as a beautiful butterfly. That's how it works...ask any preschooler at St. Joseph Catholic Academy!



Heavenly Dusters: Please help us clean the Church! If you could sign up to be a substitute or a full-time volunteer, please call Jeff Ryan at 849-4084 or Becky Sleeth at the Parish Office at 865-1112.



First Communicants

Front left to right: Charles Hoffman, Evie Thornton, Tracy Francka, Gracie Hall, and Scout Shulte.
 Back left to right: Romina Zamora, Gabe Schneider, Fr. Barmann, Troy Miller, Maya Vasquez, and Jessica Calixto.

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$1166.94 to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it is not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.



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reading of the Bible, and selfless loving acts of kindness, mercy and forgiveness enable us to abide in Jesus, the true vine, as fruit-bearing branches.

One hundred percent American? Today's gospel speaks of our radical dependence on God for everything. The vine to be fruitful has to be cut and pruned but remains always attached to the vine, or else it dies. "As a branch cannot bear fruit by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me." Often, we do not like to admit our dependence, but the fact remains that we are constantly dependent on others for our daily existence. "The average person might awaken in a bed built on a pattern which originated in the Near East, to a clock, or a medieval European invention. He slips into soft moccasins invented by American Indians. He showers with soap invented by the ancient Gauls and dries himself with a Turkish towel. Returning to the bedroom he dons garments derived from the clothing of nomads of the Asiatic steppes and in ancient Egypt. At his breakfast table, he has pottery invented in China, and his knife is made of an alloy first produced in southern India; his fork is a medieval Italian invention, his spoon a derivative of a Roman original. His food originated in discoveries from all over the world. He reads the news of the day imprinted in characters invented by the ancient Semites, by a process invented in Germany upon a material invented in China. Sometime during the day, he may thank a Hebrew God in an Indo-European language that he is one-hundred percent American." – (Harold Buetow).

Let us remember; we are united to the Vine of Jesus always.

Love and Peace,

Fr. Karl



Prayer Hotline: If you have a special intention requiring prayer or would like to join our growing Prayer Hotline list, please contact Becky Sleeth at 865-1112. Voice or email options are available.

Welcome

We extend our hands and our hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, whether longtime residents or newly arrived in the Parish. If you are not registered, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

NAME _____

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New Parishioner New Address New Phone

Moving, please remove from parish census



Dear Parishioners,

Today's scripture selections emphasize the need for Christians to abide in Christ as a condition for producing fruits of kindness, mercy, charity, and holiness.

The first reading from the *Acts of the Apostles* testifies to the abundance of spiritual fruits yielded by the apostles because of their close bond with the risen Lord. It tells us how the Lord pruned the former Saul of Tarsus, the fanatic Pharisee who had persecuted the Church, to produce a fruit-bearing branch called Paul, the zealous Apostle to the Gentiles, and shows us how Paul is entirely dedicated to the proclamation of the gospel. Even Paul's forced return to Tarsus for a brief period is an example of God's pruning of the vine to bring forth a greater harvest, namely, the mission to the Gentiles. In **today's second reading**, taken from the First Letter of John, John explains that only if we remain united to Christ by putting our faith in him and drawing our spiritual strength from him will we be able to obey God's commandments, especially the commandment of love. In **the Gospel**, Jesus uses his favorite image of the vine and branches during his Last Supper discourse to help his disciples understand the closeness of their relationship with him and the necessity of maintaining it. They were not simply rabbi and disciples. Their lives are mutually dependent - as close as a vine and its branches. In fact, in using this image, Jesus was explaining to them and us what our relationship with him should be like.

Life messages

1. We need pruning in our Christian life: Cutting out of our lives everything contrary to the spirit of Jesus and renewing our commitment to Christian ideals in our lives every day is the first type of self-imposed pruning expected of us. A second way of practicing pruning is practicing self-control over our evil inclinations, sinful addictions, and aberrations. Cordial mingling with people of a different culture, race, religion, and orientation in our neighborhood and society enables us to prune our selfish and prejudicial tendencies and adjust ourselves with others in the society with Christian charity and openness. Jesus prunes, purifies, and strengthens us by allowing us to face pain and suffering, contradictions, and difficulties with the courage of our Christian convictions.
2. Let us abide in Christ and let Christ abide in us: The four Gospels teach us how to become true disciples of Jesus and how to abide in him as branches abide in the main trunk of the vine drawing its life from it. Personal and liturgical prayers, frequenting of the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and reconciliation, daily and meditative

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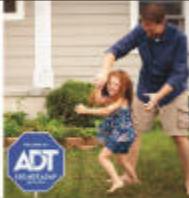
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