



**May 16, 2021**

**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**

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**MASS INTENTIONS:**

- May 15th Helen Nadolski
- May 16th Sheldon Shore 9:00 a.m.  
Pro Populo 11:30 a.m.
- May 18th
- May 19th Souls in Purgatory
- May 20th Margaret Briscoe
- May 21st
- May 22nd Mike Pauk
- May 23rd 9:00 a.m. Margaret Briscoe  
11:30 a.m. Pro Populo

If you would like a Mass said for a special intention please contact the parish office.

**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE:**

**SATURDAY: MAY 22ND**

Lector: Ann Snyder

**SUNDAY: MAY 23RD**

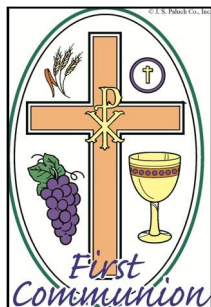
Servers: Riley Shock & Noah Pinkerton

Lector: Stephanie Pinkerton

Counters: Ann Snyder, Patty Hoagland, Ann Carroll

**First Communicants**

Tessa Bradley, Miles Keaffaber, James Nesler, Korbin Presl, Elijah Shock, Collin Simmers, Elijah Sorg, Harrison Sorg, Maddox Sorg, Wiley Sorg, Joel Velaquez, Jubilee Werner, Junior Martin Quiroz Alvarez.



**AT THE PARISH THIS WEEK:**

**Tuesday, May 18th:**

No Mass 6:00 p.m.  
No Holy Hour & Benediction 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 19th:**

No Adoration 5:00 p.m.  
No Confession 5:30 p.m.  
No Mass 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, May 20th:**

No Mass 8:00 a.m.  
Knights of Columbus 6:45 p.m.

**Friday, May 21st:**

No Mass 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday, May 22nd:**

Diaconate Ordination @ Immaculate Conception Cathedral Ft. Wayne live stream only 11:00 a.m.  
Confession 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Mass 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 23rd: Solemnity of Pentecost**

Mass 9:00 a.m.  
Donuts & Coffee 10:00 a.m.  
Bible Study 10:15 a.m.  
Misa en español 11:30 a.m.



**Let Us Pray For:**



Edith Sands, Larry Harris, Bill Fleck, Josiah Abbott, Marco Martinez, Lucy Daugherty, Ashley Ervin, Richard Seagert, Thiago Lugo, Jeff Labas, Brie Ann Armstrong, Tim Shepherd, Tom Tatum, John Coonrod, Rex Tharp, Chad Alexander,

Debby & Doug Hyde, Paul Nisbet, Bob Wagoner, Donna Labas, Jeanne Huser, Arlene Wring, Gary D., Jesus Diaz, Luke Donathon, Fernando Santaromita, Donna Zubowski, Shirley Williams, Brett Tracy, Carolyn Reed, Mike Drancik, Fred & Judy Geyer, Josephine Koontz, Margaret Grindle, Ray & Bobbie Elbertson, Paula Roemele, Chris Martin, Deanna Niccum, Bernie Bradley, Delores Hardy, Chris Long, Summer West, Tracey Myers, Hannah Eberly, Kasha Kastner, Winnie Lautzenheiser, Joanna Maxine & Evelyn Ruth Johnson, Mandy Lane, Gail Hayes, David & Kay Barnett, Brian Desrochers



May 18-21 there won't be Confession, Mass, or Holy Hour due to the class Father Dennis is attending in Nebraska.

**Please remember St. Robert's in your will.**

Dear family,

A few weeks ago on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations/Good Shepherd Sunday I made a joke in my homily about the low salary a priest receives. What I didn't mention is that we are amply compensated with time off, namely four weeks of vacation per year in addition to 5 days for the mandatory silent retreat required by the law of the Church. To be honest, I'd rather get time off to travel than be paid a lot anyway, so priesthood is definitely the right "job" for me.

I believe in using all the time that we are allotted and usually I spend it visiting friends. But there is another important thing vacation time can be used for and that is Continuing Education. The mere fact that a man has graduated from seminary does not mean he knows everything there is to know about the Faith. In fact, I believe it is impossible on this side of Heaven to know everything about our beautiful Catholic religion. In an effort to learn more about the historical roots of the Mass that I celebrate each day I will be attending a class this week in Nebraska at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary (run by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter) on how to celebrate the Traditional Latin Mass. This is the same course I took back in December but the TLM is difficult and I am a slow learner. Another reason I wanted to repeat this class is because I enjoyed the experience so much last time. All the guys at OLGS were so friendly, down-to-earth, and relaxed. They did not AT ALL fit the stereotype that one often hears about traditionalists being rigid, unwelcoming, and uncaring. I think the most important thing I learned by taking this class in December is that the Church is much bigger than my own personal experience of it, and that men who have chosen to celebrate only the Latin Mass do not necessarily have an agenda but are simply in love with Jesus and the form of worship He has received for the vast majority of the Church's history until 1970. It is my hope that I will practice diligently over the summer what I have learned so that by the fall we can start having Low Mass on the Saturday mornings when we don't currently have Mass (1st Saturday Mass will remain in the New Rite). Low Mass is the simplest form of the Traditional Latin Mass without all the smells and bells of the Solemn High Mass. It is a very quiet experience during which the congregation is free to enter into contemplative prayer, much like we do during silent Eucharistic Adoration. **As a result of my taking this class there will not be Confessions, Mass, or Holy Hour at St. Robert's May 18 to 21.**

Last but certainly not least, this Sunday our diocese celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord. As this glorious event took place forty days after Easter it is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday (this year May 13). Most of the world, including some dioceses on the east coast of our country (and even our Amish friends from what I hear) continue to celebrate Ascension Thursday. But in most of the United States the bishops have elected to transfer Our Lord's return to His heavenly Father to the closest Sunday for the sake of convenience. Be that as it may, the next great Solemnity on the Church's calendar is Pentecost Sunday. We know from the Scriptures that Our Lady and the Apostles spent the time between the Ascension and Pentecost in prayer in the Upper Room (or Cenacle) waiting for the Holy Spirit to descend upon them. When the Ascension is celebrated on the traditional Thursday the period of time between it and Pentecost is nine days. This is where the Catholic Church derives her tradition of saying novenas, nine consecutive days of prayer in honor of a particular feast day, saint, or for a special intention. In imitation of this first novena it is customary between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday to pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit. This year on the day before Pentecost Bishop Rhoades will ordain Mr. Mark Hellinger and Mr. Brian Isenbarger to the diaconate. It would be a wonderful thing to offer the Pentecost novena to the Holy Spirit for them as well as for the 7 transitional deacons who will be ordained priests on June 5. Even though in our diocese the Ascension has been transferred to Sunday it is not too late to begin the Holy Spirit novena. If you start today you would finish on the Monday after Pentecost (which is a newly instituted feast day dedicated to Mary, Mother of the Church). For your convenience a novena prayer for Pentecost is included below. Veni Sancte Spiritus! Come Holy Spirit!

In Christ,

Father Dennis

***Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.***

***V. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.***

***R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.***

***Let us pray. O God, Who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:**

Envelopes \$2946.00	Rice Bowl \$10.00
Loose \$880.62	Catholic Charities \$458.00
Votive \$26.50	Catholic Universities of America \$25.00
Peter's Pence \$25.00	

Monthly Budget \$13,200.00

*\$100 every month will go to R.E.A.C.H.*



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