



MAY 10, 2026

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**Pastor:**

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**Parish Office:**

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**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday - 5:00 pm  
Sunday - 8:30 am  
Wed., Thurs., & Fri. - 7:15 am  
*Rosary at 4:35 pm Saturdays & 8:05 am Sundays*

**Confessions:**

Wed., Thurs., & Fri. - 6:30-7:00 am  
Saturday - 3:30-4:30 pm  
Upon Request

**Adoration:**

Wednesdays: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Other Sacraments:**

Contact Parish Office

**Parish Contacts:**

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**Sacristan 05/11/26 - 05/17/26**

Arlene Redeker

**Weekend Servers**

05/09: Megan Barnhart, Maren Ratcliff  
05/10: Alisa Skalsky, James Nunley,  
Aiden Dreier  
05/16: Destiny Cole, Ace Dieker  
05/17: Taitlyn Cole, Rynlea Heins,  
Amber Soyez  
05/23: Noah & James Nunley  
05/24: Raylon Ratcliff, Rowan Krueger,  
Maybelle Krueger  
05/30: Caroline & Cody Traffenstedt,  
05/31: Adriana, Lydia & Bryce Weeden  
*A reminder that if your child is unable to serve  
as scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a  
replacement. Thank you very much for your  
cooperation.*

**Weekend Lectors/EMHCs**

05/09: LeAnn Eberle  
05/10: Dan Schneider  
05/16: Jana Redeker  
05/17: Shirley Langley  
05/23: Lilly Skalsky  
05/24: Cass Coughlin  
05/30: Jana Redeker  
05/31: Dan Schneider



**St. Joseph Prayer List**

Collins Baldwin  
Linda Barnard  
Maya Bishop  
Jeanette Reed Copeland  
Donna Dains  
Vicki Dickson  
Kauffman Dieker  
Sherry Elmenhorst  
Norman Geiger  
Susan Haag  
Sylvia Haag  
Darren Heins  
Kenneth Langley  
Daniel Markowitz  
Debbie Markowitz  
Brian Martin  
Sylvia Miller  
Jenna Moyer  
Shea Mueting  
James Nunley  
Twyla Owen  
Olivia Pimpl  
Mrs. Ken Redeker  
Norma Redeker  
Ken Schade  
Richard Scheve  
Danny Schmidt  
Jackie Schmidt  
Greg Schonhardt  
Audra Steen  
Mike Wecker  
Clara Young

**United States Army:**

SGM Matthew S. Richter  
Sgt. Austin Burenheide  
Grant Fath  
Lt. Colonel Jacob Haag

**Navy:**

Grace Coughlin

**Air Force:**

Megan DePauw

**Army National Guard:**

Sgt. Mason Harmon

**Mass Intentions:**

- Sat. 05/09: 5:00 pm +Herbert & Lorene Haag and +Alfred Redeker
- Sun. 05/10: 8:30 am For the Parish
- Wed. 05/13: 7:15 am Special Intention for James Nunley
- Thurs. 05/14: 7:15 am +Duane Schmidt
- Fri. 05/15: 7:15 am +Anne Markowitz
- Sat. 05/16: 5:00 pm +Marvin & Sylvia Klumpe and +Steven Klumpe
- Sun. 05/17: 8:30 am For the Parish



**Donut Sunday is Next Weekend**

Please plan to join us in the Parish Life Center following Sunday Mass next weekend, May 17<sup>th</sup>, for some food and conversation.



Stucco repair is continuing. Work is being done in the choir loft, the staircase on the south end and in the cove on the north end near the sanctuary. This will take another few weeks to complete. Thank you for your flexibility and patience. **Adoration will resume next Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, unless you are otherwise notified.**



**June 7-12, 2026**  
Registration forms are available in the back of church and at the PLC.

**Grades 1-6**  
Mon-Fri 9am-3pm  
@Sacred Heart

**Grades 7-12**  
Sun-Thur 6:30-8:45pm  
@St. Joseph  
Dinner provided

Totus Tuus is fast approaching. Flyers and application packets were sent home with CCD students a couple weeks ago. If you did not receive the information, applications are also available in the back of church and in the PLC. Please return applications to the parish office at your earliest convenience.

**Last Week's Collection:**

Envelopes (29)	\$ 1,670.00
Plate	315.00
Capital Improvements	45.00
Priesthood Present and Future	100.00
	100.00

**TOTAL \$ 2,130.00**



**Mass Honoring our Graduating Seniors and All Mothers**

**This Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>,** we'll be honoring our graduating high school seniors and all mothers during Sunday Mass. Following Mass, graduates, families and all mothers are invited to be special guests of the Knights of Columbus at their biscuits & gravy breakfast. Please extend your support and congratulations to these fine young men and women.



**Knights' News**



**This Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>,** all graduates and all mothers are invited as special guests to our biscuits and gravy breakfast. from 7:30-10:00 a.m. We hope you will all join us for our last breakfast until September.

Our next meeting will be held, Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Sincerely,  
*- Danny Schneider,*  
Grand Knight

**Congratulations to our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who made their First Holy Communion**



- Ella Mae Hayes
- Charlie Beth Rogers
- Everly Marie Dreier
- Daniel Ty Barnhart
- Claire Taylor McIlvain
- Olivia James Ward
- Claire Ryan Arndt (not pictured)



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We'll have online giving set up soon, too, to make tithing and special gifts much easier.



**ST. JOSEPH BBQ**  
**Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026**  
More info to follow in coming weeks

## AND IT'S A WRAP!!

The spring picnic was a terrific success! The weather was beautiful and the food was plentiful! Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed the evening. A special thank you to all who helped with organizing the event, cooking, set up, and clean up! Many hands made light (and fun) work.

# Congratulations

## April Winners of the Parish Life Center Lottery

04/01	Mary Flott	\$25
04/02	Janell Blaufuss- Schneider	\$25
04/03	Scottie Hodges	\$25
04/04	Bari Kuhlmann	\$25
04/05 - Easter	Michelle Barnhart	Quilt
04/06	Lisa Blaufuss Blow	\$25
04/07	Autymn Schreiner	\$25
04/08	Hank Parks	\$25
04/09	Eric Slaymaker	\$25
04/10	Joe Cole	\$25
04/11	James Schneider (Ben Schneider)	\$25
04/12	Thomas Barnhart	\$25
04/13	Darryl Lutz	\$25
04/14	Julie Schmidt	\$25
04/15	Cory Reese, Sr.	\$25
04/16	Shaylea Heins	\$25
04/17	Blake Skalsky	\$25
04/18	Kay Schmidt	\$25
04/19	Lukas Lahr	\$25
04/20	Chris Krueger	\$25
04/21	Joe Cole	\$25
04/22	Dee & Kenneth Craig	\$25
04/23	Zachary Nuessen	\$25
04/24	Amanda Herrman	\$25
04/25 - Feast of St. Mark	Gladys Herrman	\$50
04/26	Connie Stead	\$25
04/27	Eric & Lynnette Schreiner	\$25
04/28	Kaden Lohrentz	\$25
04/29	Carol Taylor	\$25
04/30	Courtney Sleezer	\$25

*Thank You*

Thank you for all your prayers, visits, Masses, memorial contributions, flowers, food, and other acts of kindness during our recent loss. You

have made this difficult time more bearable. A very special thank you is given to Fr. Tim Haberkorn and Fr. Anthony Mersmann for your visits and for conducting a touching and memorable rosary and funeral service. Special thanks also goes to all who provided the food and served the meal and to the choir for the beautiful music.

*Harry Bechtel and family*



## Father's Corner



From the commentary on the second letter to the Corinthians by Saint Cyril of Alexandria, bishop  
(Cap 5,5-6,2: PG 74, 942-943)

*God has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation*

Those who have a sure hope, guaranteed by the Spirit, that they will rise again lay hold of what lies in the future as though it were already present. They say: “Outward appearances will no longer be our standard in judging other men. Our lives are all controlled by the Spirit now, and are not confined to this physical world that is subject to corruption. The light of the Only-begotten has shone on us, and we have been transformed into the Word, the source of all life. While sin was still our master, the bonds of death had a firm hold on us, but now that the righteousness of Christ has found a place in our hearts we have freed ourselves from our former condition of corruptibility.”

This means that none of us lives in the flesh anymore, at least not in so far as living in the flesh means being subject to the weaknesses of the flesh, which include corruptibility. *Once we thought of Christ as being in the flesh, but we do not do so any longer*, says Saint Paul. By this he meant that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us; he suffered death in the flesh in order to give all men life. It was in this flesh that we knew him before, but we do so no longer. Even though he remains in the flesh, since he came to life again on the third day and is now with his Father in heaven, we know that he has passed beyond the life of the flesh; for *having died once, he will never die again, death has no power over him any more. His death was a death to sin, which he died once for all; his life is life with God.*

Since Christ has in this way become the source of life for us, we who follow in his footsteps must not think of ourselves as living in the flesh any longer, but as having passed beyond it. Saint Paul's saying is absolutely true that *when anyone is in Christ he becomes a completely different person: his old life is over and a new life has begun*. We have been justified by our faith in Christ and the power of the curse has been broken. Christ's coming to life again for our sake has put an end to the sovereignty of death. We have come to know the true God and to worship him in spirit and in truth, through the Son, our mediator, who sends down upon the world the Father's blessings.

And so Saint Paul shows deep insight when he says: *This is all God's doing: it is he who has reconciled us to himself through Christ*. For the mystery of the incarnation and the renewal it accomplished could not have taken place without the Father's will. Through Christ we have gained access to the Father, for as Christ himself says, *no one comes to the Father except through him. This is all God's doing, then. It is he who has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and who has given us the ministry of reconciliation.*



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