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MASS SCHEDULE

TUE: 6:00 PM at St. Maurice
WED: 8:00 AM at St. John
THUR: 6:00 PM at IC
FRI: 8:00 AM at St. John
SAT: 8:00 AM at St. John
(Holy Hour One Hour Prior to All Masses Listed Above.)

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00 PM at St. Maurice
5:00 PM at St. John

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

7:30 AM at St. John
9:00 AM at IC
10:00 AM at St. Maurice

ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY

9:00 AM-12:00 PM at St. Maurice
12:00 PM-3:00 PM at IC
3:00 PM-6:00 PM at St. John

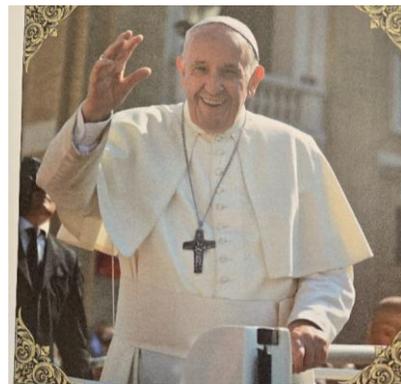
ROSARY

Mondays 10:30 AM
at Immaculate Conception

CONFESSION TIMES

ST. JOHN: Friday 3:00-4:00 PM
Saturday 4:45 PM
IC: Thursday 5:10 PM-5:25 PM
After Sunday Mass
ST. MAURICE: 15 minutes before
weekend Masses

May 4 ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter
May 11 ~ 4th Sunday of Easter



POPE FRANCIS
December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025

- + **Baptism** is scheduled by appointment. Call your parish office for information about sacramental preparation.
- + The Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months of preparation. Call your parish office before setting your wedding date.
- + The Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request. Please call your parish office to schedule a visit.



May 4, 2025 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

Peter was humbled—not by Jesus but by the recognition of his own human frailty.

Do You Love Me?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Three times, Jesus asked Simon Peter: “Do you love me?” (John 21:16). This is the same Peter who earlier had sworn three times that, even if everyone else deserted Jesus, he never would. He was so sure of himself. Now, realizing the unreliability of his loyalty to Jesus, Peter is not so quick to answer with such self-confidence. Note that Peter did not reply with a straightforward “Yes!” Rather, he amplified each response with the telling words, “You know...”. With these words, Peter acknowledged that Jesus could read his mind and heart, that Jesus knew Peter’s genuine love of him despite his all-too-human weakness. This itself was an act of faith.

This simple exchange did not humiliate Peter. That was not Jesus’ way. They both understood what Peter had done, and they both knew how brokenhearted it had left him. Peter was humbled—not by Jesus but by the recognition of his own human frailty. Despite this, or perhaps because of it, Jesus commissioned Peter to be leader among his followers. Another person might have chosen a more reliable man. However, there is great strength and wisdom in a leader who has learned from experience how circumstances might cause otherwise brave people to turn their backs on their responsibilities and run from danger. Such a leader will challenge while being compassionate and stand firm while being understanding. This is the kind of leader Jesus chose, for he knew that Peter would be that kind of leader. †

Bringing Home the Word

Walking with Pope Francis in the

Sacred Heart ~ 30 Days of Reflections & Prayers ~ Week 12 ~ Accepting the Gift ~ The Image of the Sacred Heart also represents the inmost core of Jesus’ Person.



Our heart is the organ that keeps our body functioning. It is the very core of our life. In the same way, Pope Francis said, the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the innermost core of his person.

When we open ourselves to accept the gift of love that Jesus offers so freely and unconditionally, we will receive the strength and courage to do as he did. Will we perform great miracles of healing? Probably not, but we can perform the small personal miracles that a smile or kind word or a caring response can bring to someone who is in pain. The Sacred Heart of Jesus can show us the way to share Jesus’ love everywhere.

Ponder ~ Am I ready to let Jesus’ love work through me?

Pray ~ God of love and goodness, let me be an expression of your love!

Sunday Readings

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41

So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

Revelation 5:11–14

And the angels cried out in a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.”

John 21:1–19 or John 21:1–14

Peter answered Jesus, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”



Lord Jesus, give me the insight to recognize my mistakes, the wisdom to learn from them, and the humility to seek forgiveness. Amen! Alleluia! The Redemptorists



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God’s Gifts To Us

“...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, ‘Do you love me?’ and he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’” (JOHN 21:17)

How often do you actually say the words “I love you” to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself.

That we give the gift of ourselves by telling someone “I love you” every day.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- ~ What have I learned about myself from my mistakes?
- ~ Do I recognize the second chances I’ve been given?



There will be a Rosary prayed at the Grotto every First Saturday beginning next week May 3 at 4:00 PM.

This will continue from May through October.



May 11, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Church from its beginning was meant to spread throughout the world—and it has.
Every Nation, Race, People, and Tongue

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Today’s readings tell us of the Church’s universality. The Church might have been born of the people of Israel, but, from its beginning, it was meant to spread throughout the world—and it has. The first reading describes the success that Paul and Barnabas enjoyed in cities in what today is Turkey. Believing that Jesus was the fulfillment of Jewish expectation, these missionaries naturally went first to the synagogues, where they preached to the Jewish people and those who had recently converted to Judaism.

The next week, the entire city came to hear them. This angered many of the Jewish people. The text says that this was because they were jealous of Paul and Barnabas. Jealous of what?

We know that many Jewish Christians believed that converts had to accept the practices of Judaism before they were considered full members of the Jesus movement. (See Acts 15:1.) They maintained that everyone should be the same. Mention of converts in this story suggests this may have been the issue. Whatever the problem might have been, the movement spread, adapting itself as it did.

The vision reported in Revelation assures us that, in the end, the spread of the gospel will see completion. It will have been preached to and accepted by “every nation, race, people, and tongue” (7:9). This speaks of genuine universality rather than uniformity. This is unity among diversity. The distinctiveness of nation, race, people, and tongue will be respected, because what really unites them is the “blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:14). †

Bringing Home the Word

Walking with Pope Francis in the Sacred Heart ~ 30 Days of Reflections & Prayers ~ Week 13 ~ This “Eloquent and Tangible Sign”



The image of the Sacred Heart points us to the God who wished to become one of us, a part of our history, and a companion on our earthly journey.

Pope Francis points out the popular image of the Sacred Heart does not isolate the heart from the totality of Jesus. We see Jesus looking directly at us and extending his hands toward us in welcome. His gesture is a very human one, one that we are able to imitate—reaching out to others with a direct gaze, being inclusive and paying attention. Our relationship to Jesus is never abstract, but a personal encounter. He very much wants to be a part of our journey and through the image of the Sacred Heart, he shows us how simple that encounter can be.

Ponder ~ How often am I truly involved in my interactions?
Pray ~ God of love and goodness, help me to be as fearless and loving as you are with everyone I meet.

PRAYER Lord Jesus, please give me the grace to greet each person I meet as part of your flock— a person you love and invite me to welcome into my life.
Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorists

Sunday Readings

Acts 13:14, 43–52

The word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region.

Revelation 7:9, 14b–17

I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue.

John 10:27–30

Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me.”

Truly Encountering the Poor

Anthony J. Gittins, Liguori Publications

People on the margins of society, whose voices are not commonly heard in theological circles, may have as much to offer as they have to receive. Because they can “tell it like it is,” we simply cannot claim not to have heard the cries of the poor of which the psalmist speaks so often (Psalms 10:12; 34:7; 130:1). These are, after all, the faces, in our own time and place, of the very people Jesus privileged in his. They can become the catalyst for our own conversion.

At its heart, ministry is encounter. Viktor Frankl was exactly right: to love, you must encounter. People of faith must do better than acknowledge “the poor” as a class: we must make the invisible visible by our encounters. The homeless poor have a human right to the care, compassion, and attentiveness of others. All who desire to be among those others must move beyond notional Christianity; they will soon discover how difficult it is truly to encounter others and to love their neighbor as they love themselves. †



Parish Support

April 21	\$ 2,128.00
April 27	1,846.00
Easter flowers	40.00
Cemetery Fund	20.00
Holy Thursday	145.25
Good Friday	549.00
Catholic Home Missions	480.00
Votive Candles	150.50

MASS Intentions

Mass Intentions Available. Please stop in the parish office, mail, call or drop in the collection basket to have a Mass said for your loved ones. Mass stipends are \$10

Fri	May 02 8:00 AM	~ For the Parish
Sat	May 03 5:00 PM	† Gene & Jeff Ogden
Sun	May 04 7:30 AM	~ Bernita Baurley
Wed	May 07 8:00 AM	† Todd Holzer
Fri	May 09 8:00 AM	~ Jacob Miller
Sat	May 10 8:00 AM	~ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	May 10 5:00 PM	† Barbie Sloan
Sun	May 11 7:30 AM	~ Blessed Virgin Mary & All Mothers
Wed	May 14 8:00 AM	~ Jacob miller
Fri	May 16 8:00 AM	† Gene Spencer
Sat	May 17 8:00 AM	~ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	May 17 5:00 PM	† Herman Douglas
Sun	May 18 7:30 AM	† Ken Colyer

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	<u>May 10</u>	<u>May 11</u>
Coordinator	Kris Taylor	Ron Miller
Greeter	Joan Carter	Steve Mathes
Lector	Jill Jansing	Melissa Grable
Eucharist	Ron Ebinger	Jessica Gorman
Wine	Susan B/Doug W	Melissa & Bob G
	<u>May 17</u>	<u>May 18</u>
Coordinator	Sharon Voegeli	Ted Wissel
Greeter	Bob Voegeli	Rosie/Felie
Lector	Sharon Voegeli	Jessica Gorman
Eucharist	Stephanie Green	Jessica Gorman
Wine	Ron E/Kris T	Roger M/Bill M

Liturgy Committee Meeting, May 28, 6:00 PM
Parish Council Meeting, May 27, 6:45 PM



Points to Ponder on Mother's Day

On Mother's Day, the family takes Mom out for lunch; if the kids are younger, it's to McDonalds, which Mom says is fine. If the kids are teens, then it's Applebee's, while the kids wonder why they had to go there instead of McDonald's. If the kids are adults, then they all go to that nice restaurant by the mall, which requires reservations, and Father pays for them all, while quietly wishing he could have just bought McDonald's.

MOM ~ WE LOVE YOU!



St John Annual Rummage Sale
THANK YOU

We cannot thank enough those who helped make our rummage sale another success. The help was incredible and made the time a community affair. Thank you again and may God Bless You All!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Renovation Update

- ~ Preparing for Capital Campaign. Materials approved for printing. Watch for a mailing in soon.
- ~ Working with Arsee Engineering for bid documents and bidder selection assistance.
- ~ Archdiocese is serving as liaison between St Johnm and Arsee.
- ~ Following each weekend Mass on May 17 and 18 there will be a reception for all regarding the capital campaign for fundraising.

Rosary on First Saturdays

The rosary will be prayed every First Saturday May through October. It will be at the Grotto at 4:00 PM.

Did you know we have a suggestion box? You can find this on top of the bookcase in the vestibule. It is for suggestions related to the renovation or any other ideas.

A Mary's Way Event - All women are invited for dinner, pro-life speaker, Stephen Jagla, prayer & fellowship on Tuesday, May 6th at 6:00pm in the St. Louis Activity Center. Register by calling the St. Louis Parish Office 812-934-3204.

Knights of Columbus Council 1461

Meets the 4th Monday of each month
 7:00 PM ~ Hall in Batesville ~
 926 Delaware Rd.



Please Remember in Prayer:

Mary K Chambers	Stanley Green	Robert Hillenburg	Margaret Jarvis
Larry Kendall	Elliott Elkins	Amy Graham	Diane Menchhofer
Dolores Simon	Mark Meister	Tom Noah	Pavi Pathak Family
Active Service Deployment - Ben Zigan & Aaron Greiwe	Teresita Noah	Keith Jarvis	Candy Reidenbach
	Melanie Givan	Ken Colyer	