

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 16, 2021 - The Ascension of the Lord

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR MAY 15 - MAY 23

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Glen & Wilma Seufert Wedding Anniversary
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+John & Cecilia Eck
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Thomas & Loretta (Kuntz) Garvey
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Francis & Mildred Witt
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	For the 8 th Grade Graduates
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	For the High School Graduates

ST. AGNES

Tues.	8:30 a.m.
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.
Sun.	10:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, May 17	8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday, May 19	8:15 a.m. Mass Last PSR Classes for the school year 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Home & School Meeting
Friday, May 21	8:15 a.m. Mass
Saturday, May 22	8 th Grade Graduation
Sunday, May 23	High School Graduates Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, May 24	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church 8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday, May 26	Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest 8:15 a.m. Mass
Thursday, May 27	Last Day of School for St. Mary's Dismiss at 12 noon
Friday, May 28	8:15 a.m. Mass
Saturday, May 29	Grounds Work Day! We will start at 8:00 a.m., everyone is welcome to come and help. We will be cleaning up landscape and washing and sanitizing tables and picnic tables to get everything ready for the picnic. If you have a power washer please bring it. Also bring whatever tools you think we may need to clean-up the landscape.
Sunday, May 30	Mission Co-op Special Collection

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in May: Joe & Denise Crowell

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00 Last Week's Collection: \$ 6245.00

DDF: To date our parish has \$12,435.00 toward our \$22,882.00 goal. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Leo Schmidt, Jerry Gasser, Charlotte Sloan, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY GO TO THE FAMILY OF AGNES KAHRE. May she be living with God and may her family feel her peace.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ST. MARY'S STUDENTS WHO WILL GRADUATE FROM 8th GRADE on Saturday

May 22, 2021 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Jayci Fletcher Brock Kramer Layton Mack Logan Witt

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO WILL GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN MAY, 2021

Jori-Mae Bravante Deidre Brown Kyler Fenske Jaclin Fenski Madison Gripka Leslie Jones Clay Parrigon Kalem Parrigon
Emma Rakoski Cole Salsman Paul Seufert

PICNIC NEWS: Picnic planning is still underway. Monetary donations towards the prizes are still welcome. Contact the rectory, Mellanie Carder, or Frances Boman on how you can do this. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

Raffle tickets have been sent out. As in the past, each family is asked to sell 4 books of adult and 2 books of children. We all need to do our part to make this picnic a success. If you need more tickets, let us know.

Things will look a little different this year, but many the same. Mark your calendars now for Sunday, June 6th, to come enjoy family, friends and neighbors.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

School is winding down very quickly. On Saturday, May 22nd we will graduate the next group of St. Mary's alums. After Mass we will hold the graduation ceremony. The rest of the school will continue on until May 27th.

Please keep these graduates in your prayers. Pray that they are able to see the opportunities provided here at St. Mary's are taken in and accepted. Pray that these students can take the work ethic and skills they have been given here and continue them on to greater successes in high school and beyond. Pray that these students continue the tradition and legacy of St. Mary's graduates going on, with the grace of God, to make their own success stories.

The Art Show was amazing! We must thank our Art Teacher, Glo Abramovitz. She does a great job with the students and projects throughout the school year. She has been a real blessing.

APPOINTMENTS

If you are unable to make your appointment, please find a replacement

Saturday, May 22 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: 8th Grade Graduates

Ushers: Maverick Grimsley, Savanna Haselwood, Addison Avondet, Carter Witt

Sunday, May 23 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: High School Graduates

Ushers: Family and Friends of High School Graduates

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Ephesians 1:17-23 or
Ephesians 4:1-13
Mark 16:15-20

Monday May 17

Acts 19:1-8
Ps 68:2-7ab
John 16:29-33

Tuesday May 18

Acts 20:17-27
Ps 68:10-11,20-21
John 17:1-11a

Wednesday May 19

Acts 20:28-38
Ps 68:29-30,33-36
John 17:11b-19

Thursday May 20

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11
John 17:20-26

Friday May 21

Acts 25:13b-21
Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20
John 21:15-19

Saturday May 22

Acts 28:16-20,30-31
Ps 11:4,5,7
John 21:20-25

Sometimes we find ourselves in the same posture as the disciples in Acts 1:1-11, looking up at the sky, staring at nothing, waiting for Jesus to come back and rescue this world from evil.

Our world needs the Second Coming of Christ—and now! What's the delay? Ahhh, but he's told us not to wait but to go forth and spread the Good News. He told us to take what he's given us and use it to continue the works of his ministry.

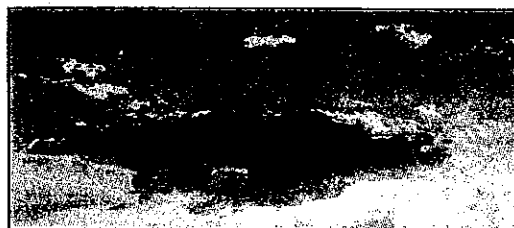
Why do we stare at the empty sky? Because we feel inadequate.

Parents know this feeling. After giving birth or adopting a child, we have the awesome task of raising this person into a faith-filled, emotionally healthy adult.

Graduates know this feeling. After completing college or a Lay Ministry training program or ordination or final vows, we stand on the threshold of

working for the Lord and wonder: Will I be effective and successful? Will I like it? Or will I be sent where I'd rather not go?

Those who are grieving know this feeling. After a loved one is taken home to the Lord or a friend is lost in a failed relationship, our lives change drastically. It feels like it shouldn't have. How can we recover from the emptiness, which by its very nature forces our attention onto ourselves and our unmet needs, so that we become full of service to others?



Every change in our lives is a commissioning. Every loss is the beginning of a new calling. Every experience is training for a work of God's kingdom that the Lord wants to accomplish through us.

Why are you standing there looking at the sky? Jesus has been your teacher and your guide: Although you cannot see what he's doing now, he has not abandoned you. He is fulfilling his promise: "You will receive power from the Holy Spirit, and you will be my witness throughout the earth." Indeed, you were given that Holy Spirit in baptism, and it is this Spirit of God that empowers you to continue the ministry of Jesus using your particular gifts and talents and experiences.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What thresholds or new beginnings are you facing?
2. How are these opportunities for the continuation of the ministry of Jesus?
3. In what ways are you doing the works of Jesus?
4. Which parish ministries could use your gifts and talents?
5. How do you rely on the Holy Spirit to get it done?