



## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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I give you a new commandment:  
love one another.” - Jn 13:34a

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 05/11/25 .....\$2,490.00  
 Weekly budget goal .....\$3,425.00  
 Difference ..... **\$935.00**  
 CSA 2025 Assessment Goal ..... \$30,504.00  
 CSA Pledges to date ..... \$29,165.00

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**POPE'S INTENTION FOR MAY**  
**For Working Conditions**

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.

Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

**Baptismal Training Sessions 2025**

May 22nd	6:30 pm	St. Marys Church	814-781-1019
June 10th	6:30 pm	Queen of the World	814-834-4701

**International Needs Collection** will be taken up in the Diocese of Erie next weekend, May 24/25. There is a letter from the Bishop included with this weekend's bulletin. Thank you for your generosity.

Our parish bus trip to see **NOAH** at Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster will be on Friday, July 25th. The show is at 3:00 pm. After the show, we will have dinner at Hershey Farm. Deadline to sign up is June 10th. Contact Bernadette at 814-371-0108 for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Mark your calendar to attend the 21st Annual St. Joseph Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 10th. More information will follow in future bulletins.

Mark your calendar for our **5th Annual Golf Outing** which will be held on Sunday, August 17th. It will be held at Silverwoods Golf Course at Treasure Lake, DuBois. Start getting your team together! More information will follow.

**Knights of Columbus Elk/Cameron County Assembly #0958** is holding their Baby Bottle Campaign now. This collection is to benefit pro-life/children. It begins on Mother's Day weekend. There are bottles and/or envelopes to use for your convenience. Donations can be returned at any weekend Mass. You can place them in the collection baskets or bring them to the office during the week. Please return all donations and bottles to the Church by Father's Day weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

## Memorial Day Mass time:

**Monday, May 26th @ 9:00 am** - Mass will be celebrated at the St. Joseph Church cemetery (weather permitting).

Dr. Janet Satterlee will be leading an Adult Faith Formation class on The Blessed Mother, Mary and the Rosary. The final class will be on Monday, May 19th, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Faith Formation Center. All are welcome!

## Our Gifts -- God's Glory

We all have gifts that are active this very moment. Our hearts are beating and pumping blood throughout our body. We are breathing, thinking, talking, and to some degree, we are able to see and hear. These are bodily gifts that we are given in order to live out our lives to the very best in this life. Our human lives are comprised of many gifts, especially the gift of our mind to direct our lives with its intellect, will, understanding, memory, and imagination. All of these are gifts from God, given to us to be used for service to God and others and to give glory to God. All of these gifts are connected to the eternal Spirit of God.

I believe that when most of us think of the word *glory*, or use *achieving glory*, we may give the example of getting all A's on our final exams. It can be a list of accomplishments like being on the winning baseball or track team, a surgeon performing a successful heart operation, receiving a music award for a performance, putting an addition on to your house by yourself, or opening your own business and it immediately becomes popular and successful. Certainly these are achieved human successes and gifts from God.

Think about it...if anyone of us excels in any of the examples given above, we and others benefit from them. At the same time, when we excel in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that we received at our Confirmation, we give God greater glory. These gifts are wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord which are based on Isaiah 11: 2.

Jesus's Understanding of glory is found in our Gospel Reading for this weekend when He says: "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him." (Jn 13: 31) For Jesus, His Glory is His Death on the Cross, where He conquered sin and death; His Resurrection, which is now our invitation to eternal life in Heaven; His Ascension, which is His Commission to His Apostles to carry on His Ministry; and the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is for us to receive and to share those gifts to others -- for God's Glory.

**Share them today!**



God Bless,  
 Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, May 19, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	James & Victoria Tyler and deceased members of the Tyler Family	Lamont & Frances Gray	Easter Weekday	Acts 14: 5-18 Jn 14: 21-26 (285)
Tuesday, May 20, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mary K. Sims	Tim & Lori Sims	Easter Weekday <i>Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest</i>	Acts 14: 19-28 Jn 14: 27-31a (286)
Wednesday, May 21, 2025 No Mass			Easter Weekday <i>Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	Acts 15: 1-6 Jn 15: 1-8 (287)
Thursday, May 22, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Dick & Grace Gavazzi	Dale & Cindy Duell	Easter Weekday <i>Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious</i>	Acts 15: 7-21 Jn 15: 9-11 (288)
Friday, May 23, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mary Alice Wallace	Dale, Cindy, Matt, and Jessie Duell	Easter Weekday	Acts 15: 22-31 Jn 15: 12-17 (289)
Saturday, May 24, 2025 No Mass			Easter Weekday	Act 16: 1-10 Jn 15: 18-21 (290)
Saturday, May 24, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Helen L. Froesch	Family	Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter	(see below)
Sunday, May 25, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 Rv 21: 10-14, 22-23 Jn 14: 23-29 (57)

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Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am Holy Days: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 am No Mass on Wednesday

## PLANNING ON HEAVEN

We plan a lot of things in our lives. We plan what to eat, where to live, what school we will attend, what career or vocation we want, what finances or resources we need, and we plan for our retirement. But a good question is; do we plan for our life after our death? Every day, we get closer to the reality of eternal life after our time on earth.

Planning for our eternity with Jesus began at our baptism. In our Second Reading this weekend from Rev 21: 1-5, the Apostle "John is shown a vision of a new city, a heavenly Jerusalem-in which God dwells with people chosen in baptism." (Workbook for Lectors, page 178, LTP 2025)

How to plan and get to heaven while in this life really means planning on being THE MOST HOLY AND LOVING PERSON we are called to be, here and now, every day. Here are some ways to plan on getting to heaven:

- 1) Live the Ten Commandments everyday.
- 2) Love your neighbor and pray for them everyday.
- 3) Pray the rosary everyday.
- 4) Receive Jesus often in Holy Communion.

**Do this and tell your loved ones and friends "looking forward to seeing you there!"**



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