

# 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." John 14:1

Weekly Budget Goal .....	\$3,425.00
Weekly collection 04/26/26 .....	\$2,232.00
Difference .....	\$1,193.00
CSA Assessment (2026) .....	\$30,986.00
Pledges to date .....	\$26,020.00
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**Baptismal Training Sessions 2026**

May 21      6:30 pm      St. Marys Church      814-781-1019

**MOTHER/DAUGHTER BREAKFAST**

The Mother/Daughter Breakfast will be held next Sunday, May 10th. Tickets will be on sale in the social hall after each Mass this weekend. The cost will be \$8 for adult women and \$3 for girls 10 and under.

\*\*Please purchase your tickets this weekend. We need the final count to order food.

**A Family Perspective:** Jesus tells us in the Gospel, "Where I am going, you know the way." This means that God is within each of us, in our relationships, and in our homes. The vocation of the Christian family is to live as though their lives are a roadmap to heaven. Guide each other, encourage each other, and love each other, following the Way of Christ.

**May Crowning - Sunday, May 3rd**

ALL Faith Formation families are to attend Mass. After Mass, as a Parish family, we will process to the Fatima Shrine for the May Crowning celebration.

Following the crowning, we will have coffee and donuts in the social hall.



**Blue Jay Market** craft & vendor market will be held on May 9th from 10am until 3pm at the BV Community Center

**Ecumenical Memorial Service Honoring Innocent Victims of Abortion**

**Date:** May 12, 2026  
**Time:** 12:00 NOON  
**Location:** St. Marys Cemetery  
**Site:** Tombstone of the Innocent Victims of Abortion  
**Speaker:** Fr. Thomas More Sikora, OSB

Please bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Cemetery Chapel.

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**Do Not Let Your Hearts be Troubled**

Jesus, having taught His Twelve Apostles how to pray and to trust in God, consoles His Disciples at the Last Supper before His Passion and Death. As we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus says "let not your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God, have faith also in Me." (Jn 14: 1) What a great invitation to grace and protection that our Lord Jesus gives us.

These are very consoling words from our Lord Jesus that He gave to His Apostles at The Last Supper. He did so to strengthen them before the trauma they would experience in watching Jesus' Passion and Death, which began to happen a few hours after The Last Supper. He said these Words also so that when helped by these Words of our Lord, they would be able to console others who were saddened and traumatized by Christ's Passion and Death on the Cross.

Many times in ministry, in talking with people, some of the most important things they share with me is their need for peace. It could be peace within their own life, the need for peace with another person, or about the unrest they see and hear about in the news. We all have a need for God's Peace and Strength at times in our lives. This Scripture Passage is a great help. Also, St. Paul's letter to the Philippians helps as well with the words; "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the Peace of God, that surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4: 6-7)

My friends, where are there areas in your life where you need God's Peace the most? Take these two Scripture Passages above and pray them, by repeating them out loud, and then ask our Lord to release the Grace of those words in every area of your life.

The Saints can also help us protect ourselves during anxiety filled situations. St. Teresa of Avila gives words of consolation to meditate on:

Let nothing disturb you;  
nothing frighten you.  
All things are passing.  
God never changes.  
Patience obtains all things.  
Nothing is wanting to him who possesses God.  
God alone suffices.



(St. Teresa's Bookmark)

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, May 04, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Vicki Peters 4th anniversary	husband-Kim	Easter Weekday	Acts 14: 5-18 Jn 14: 21-26 (285)
Tuesday, May 05, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Agnes Caliarì	Family	Easter Weekday	Acts 14: 19-28 Jn 14: 27-31a (286)
Wednesday, May 06, 2026 No Mass			Easter Weekday	Acts 15: 1-6 Jn 15: 1-8 (287)
Thursday, May 07, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	William & Mary Cassels and deceased members of the Cassels Family	Lamont & Frances Gray	Easter Weekday	Acts 15: 7-21 Jn 15: 9-11 (288)
Friday, May 08, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Victor Gregori, Sr. birthday	Louie and Louie, Jr.	Easter Weekday	Acts 15: 22-31 Jn 15: 12-17 (289)
Saturday, May 09, 2026 No a.m. Mass			Easter Weekday	Acts 16: 1-10 Jn 15: 18-21 (290)
Saturday, May 09, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Stanley & Rachel Kentoski and deceased members of the Kentoski Family	Evelyn & Family	Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter	(see below)
Sunday, May 10, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> MOTHER'S DAY	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3: 15-18 Jn 14: 15-21 (55)

**St. Joseph Church**  
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**OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Thursday 9a.m. to 4 p.m.**

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

**Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (Offers us Peace)**

Lord, make me an instrument of Your Peace:  
 where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
 where there is injury, pardon;  
 where there is doubt, faith;  
 where there is despair, hope;  
 where there is darkness, light;  
 where there is sadness, joy.  
 O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek  
 to be consoled as to console,  
 to be understood as to understand,  
 to be loved as to love.  
 For it is in giving that we receive,  
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



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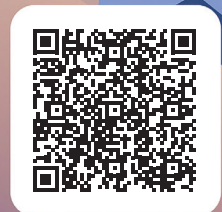
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