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*MASSES: SAT EVENING 5:00 P.M.  
SUNDAY MORNING 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.  
TU, WED, FRI: 8:00 A.M.  
MONDAY & THURSDAY: 6:00 P.M.*

*ADORATION: FRIDAYS, 8:30 A.M.-8:00 P.M.*

*SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:  
FRIDAY 11:30-12:30 P.M.  
SATURDAY: 3:45-4:45 P.M.  
PASTOR: FR. GARY. L. SIGLER*

*WELCOME! WE EXTEND OUR HANDS AND HEARTS TO ALL WHO CELEBRATE WITH US, WHETHER LONGTIME RESIDENT OR  
NEWLY ARRIVED IN THE PARISH. WE THANK GOD THAT YOU ARE WITH US.*

Sunday, May 17

John 14:15-21

He will give you another Advocate. (John 14:16)

“You have the right to an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be provided for you.” This familiar phrase is part of the “Miranda warning” that police officers give to any person they arrest. It’s based on the belief that no one should stand alone when facing charges. Someone has to be there to make sure the accused is given a fair trial. It must be consoling for the accused person to have someone by their side at their trial to help them face their accuser with dignity and courage.

Isn’t it interesting that this is how Jesus describes the Holy Spirit in today’s Gospel? The Greek word for “Advocate,” *parakletos*, also means defense attorney. It’s especially interesting when we remember that the Scriptures portray the devil our “adversary” who never stops hurling accusations against us (Zechariah 3:1; Revelation 12:9-10).

This means that we don’t have to stand before the devil’s accusations alone. Jesus has given us the Spirit so that we can stand up against the lies of the evil one. He has given us the best defense attorney in history. Someone who will assure us that we have been forgiven. Someone who will remind us of God’s love for us. Someone who sees our sins and failings but who also sees the true desires of our hearts and never gives up on us.

Always remember the Holy Spirit, your defender, especially when you start thinking that you’re no good or that God has given up on you. Remember him when you begin to doubt the goodness of God’s plans for you and your loves ones.

Every day of your life, be sure that you spend time listening for the Holy Spirit. Let him convince you over and over again that you belong to Christ and that no one can snatch you out of his hands.

“Spirit of truth, help me to withstand every temptation and every accusation” © *The Word Among Us*.

*The annual Pentecost Collection for Seminarian Education will be the weekend of May 30-31. The diocese needs financial support to provide excellent formation for these men. Your continued generosity to this collection each year will help to provide the needed funds for seminarian formation. Thank you for prayers and financial support for the future of the Church. I have added this collection to online giving.*

Masses will resume on the weekend of May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> with limited capacity. All parishioners will be required to wear a mask to enter the building. Please bring a mask if you already have one. We will have a limited supply of cloth Masks for you to keep if you do not have one. Please one mask per person. We would like to thank Barb Geiger and Mary Gregory for making the masks for us. You should receive a letter in the mail for more directives for attending Mass. Please be patient and kind as this is all new to us.

You are not required to attend Mass at present time until August 15, so if you are ill, 65 or older or have health problems, please watch Mass on Facebook or TV. No one who is over 65 will be turned away, it is only a recommendation.

SUNDAY MASS AT 10:30 A.M. LIVESTREAMED ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE: St. Paul of the Cross Columbia City.

**SUNDAY MASS WITH BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES**

Participate in a livestream Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades every Sunday at 10 a.m.. To join, visit the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend YouTube or Facebook pages. Search “@diocesefwsb.” Other alternative Mass options, diocesan directives, and more can be found at [www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19).

**BLOOD DRIVE**

The next Knights of Columbus Blood drive will be this Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the church hall. Donors that gave at our last drive have had 8 weeks between donations and are eligible to donate again. Critically ill cancer patients routinely need blood transfusions to survive. Please consider donating again and if you have never donated, please consider donating for the first time. Individuals sixteen years of age are eligible to donate. Your forty minutes of time could save the lives of three people.

Due to the recent virus outbreak a number of drives have been cancelled and donations are down with blood supplies extremely low. If you are currently healthy please consider making a blood donation to help out someone who may not be as fortunate as you.

Sign up **now** on a sheet posted in the church Narthex. Donors may also sign up online at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org), but please **DO NOT** sign up both places.

At the present time we are to use a minimal number of Ministers for our Masses beginning on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will only need two ministers until we open up for more attendance. We will not be using servers or offering the cup for now. The Diocese does not want us to hand out bulletins, so the ushers will only have to assist with pew by pew dismissal at the end of Mass. If you are not comfortable about attending Mass at this time and do not wish to serve, please let me know by way of email [saintpaulchurch@embarqmail.com](mailto:saintpaulchurch@embarqmail.com) or call and leave a message. Thank you all for your help.

## May 2020 MINISTER SCHEDULE

Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Acolytes	Min. of Hospitality
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Sat. May 23

5:00 p.m. Anita Kelley  
Melanie Bechtold Danielle Smethers

Sam Bechtold  
Chris Bechtold

Sun. May 24

8:00 a.m. Jeremy Swonger  
Chris Morgan Melissa Fearnow

Tony Crowe  
Bonnie Crowe

Sun. May 24

10:30 a.m. Brad Clifford  
John Gilles Brandi Duncan

Keiran Gilles  
Alec Gilles

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Sat. May 30

5:00 p.m. Leanna Andreas  
Tom Andreas Joe Call

Vance Reed  
Dillon Reed

Sun. May 31

8:00 a.m. Melinda Woll  
Rob Muratori Sara St. Clair

Steve Schmitt  
Matt Beery

Sun. May 31

10:30 a.m. Kristen Straub  
Mike McClain Ingrid McClain

Volunteers

<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Min. of Hospitality</b>
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**Sat. June 1**

**5:00 p.m.** Janelle Smith  
Kevin Rupp Karen Berg

Andrew Herber  
Chris Bechtold

**Sun. June 2**

**8:00 a.m.**  
John Herrmann

Roxy Herrmann  
Melissa Fearnow

Mike Sands  
Bruce VandeZande

**Sun. June 2**  
10:30 a.m.  
John Gilles

Pat Zickgraf  
Kristen Zickgraf

Alec Gilles  
Keiran Gilles

**Lector**

**Eucharistic Minister**

**Acolytes**

**Min. of Hospitality**

**Sat June 8**  
5:00 p.m.  
Melanie Bechtold

Leanna Andreas  
Tom Andreas

Vance Reed  
Dillon Reed

**Sun. June 9**  
8:00 a.m.  
Erin Shidler

Melissa Fearnow  
**Jeremy Swonger**

Matt Beery  
Dave Leininger

**Sun. June 9**  
10:30 a.m.  
Mike McClain

Tonia Weigold  
**Laura Rumschlag**

Volunteers

**Lector**

**Eucharistic Minister**

**Acolytes**

**Min. of Hospitality**

**Sat. June 15**  
5:00 p.m.  
Tom Andreas

Anita Kelley  
Riza Crump

Chris Bechtold  
Sam Bechtold

**Sun. June 16**  
8:00 a.m.  
Sam St. Clair

Sara St. Clair  
Melinda Woll

**Bonnie Crowe**  
Tony Crowe

**Sun. June 16**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
John Gilles

Lori Starkey  
**Scott Smith**

Alec Gilles  
Keiran Gilles

**Lector**                      **Eucharistic Minister**                      **Acolytes**                      **Min. of Hospitality**

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**Sat June 22**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
Keven Rupp

Carol Shepherd  
Joe Call

Vance Reed  
Andy Herber

**Sun. June 23**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
John Herrmann

Roxy Herrmann  
Melissa Fearnow

Steve Schmitt  
Matt Beery

**Sun. June 23**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
Mike McClain

Brad Clifford  
**Nicole Alles**

Volunteers

**TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS, FACEBOOK AND REDEEMER RADIO**



