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MASSES: SATURDAY EVENING 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY MORNING 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY: 8:00 A.M.
THURSDAY: 5:00 P.M.
ADORATION: FRIDAYS, 8:30 A.M.-7:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY: 7:30 A.M.-7:45 A.M.
THURSDAY: 4:00-4:45 P.M.
SATURDAY: 3:45-4:45 P.M.

OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY-FRIDAY 8:30-NOON & 1:00-4:00
CLOSED ON MONDAYS

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

The Week Ahead

Saturday, May 15

5:00 p.m.

Lector: Tom Andreas

Eucharistic Ministers: Leanna Andreas, Nick Steill

Acolytes: Colby & Evan Leatherman

Ministers of Hospitality: Dillon & Vance Reed

Sunday, May 16

8:00 a.m.

Lector: Melinda Woll

Eucharistic Ministers: Al Anderson, Sara St. Clair

Acolytes: Chris & John Morgan

Ministers of Hospitality: Bonnie & Tony Crowe

Sunday, May 16

10:30 a.m.

Lector: Mike McClain

Eucharistic Ministers: Ingrid McClain, Scott Smith

Acolytes: Naomi & Adelaide Smith

Ministers of Hospitality: Volunteers

Collections for May 1, 2022

Offering Envelopes	\$ 3237.00
Loose	863.50
Repair	435.00
Candles	17.00
Religious Ed	127.00
Total in pew	\$ 4,679.50
Catholic Charities	\$55.00

Online Collections

Regular	\$ 1,753.00
Repair	230.00
Online	\$2,105.00



CANTORS

All current cantors and anyone who is interested in becoming a cantor should plan on attending the Training Session for Cantors on **Sunday, May 15th after the 10:30 mass**. If you have considered serving as a cantor but are not sure you are ready to commit please still plan to attend. This will be a great opportunity to gain some information on what is required in order to participate in this important ministry, If you are a cantor and are not able to attend this training, please let Father José know.

WOMEN'S EVENING

The next Women's Evening will be on Friday, May 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Deacon Joe Zickgraf Community Center. The program will focus on the Rosary and our Mother Mary. No meal will be served, but dessert will be served at the end of prayer.



May 7-8 Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m.(Sat.) † Andy Lowe

8:00 a.m. (Sun.) † George & Virginia Haggenjos

10:30 a.m. (Sun.) † Parishioners

(rosary ½ hour before each Mass)

(Adoration one hour before Saturday Mass and Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass)

May 9 Monday: Easter Weekday

No Mass

May 10 Tuesday: Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Joan & Carl Baermann

May 11 Wednesday: Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Fr. George Carlin

May 12 Thursday: Easter Weekday

5:00 p.m. † Jim Brock

May 13 Friday: Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Larry Reynolds

May 14/15 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 14

Confession: 3:45-4:45

5:00 p.m. † Parishioners

Sunday, May 15

8:00 a.m.: † Andy Lowe

10:30 a.m. : † Jeff Dunlap

(rosary ½ hour before each Mass)

RIGHT TO LIFE CARNATION FUND RAISER

We are participating again this year in the Right To Life carnation fundraiser. There will be carnations in the narthex to give to your mother, grandmother or to place in the vase by Our Blessed Virgin Mary statue. We ask for a minimum donation of \$2 per carnation. All proceeds go to Right To Life.



Graduation Breakfast Sign-up

The Graduation Mass for all graduates will be Sunday, June 5th at the 8 a.m. Mass. Don't forget to sign up if you will be attending the breakfast on Sunday, June 5th after the 8 a.m. Mass for all High school, college and post-grad students and their families. Please sign up by May 8th.

YOUTH GROUP GARAGE SALE

The Youth Group Garage Sale will be Friday, May 13th and Saturday, May 14th. You may rent a 10X10 space for \$25, sell your items and keep all the money you raise or donate to the youth group to sell and donate the proceeds to their mission trip. You may drop off items at the church in the preschool room after May 1st. Please contact Stephanie Hamilton for further information.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

All women are called to be mothers. Some biologically and others spiritually but all have within the depths of their beings a beautiful gift of procreating and sustaining life in a gentle and yet firm manner which is expressed most perfectly in their femininity, which complements the masculinity of fathers.

When we reflect on the fact that God (in the Person of Jesus), from all eternity, found it most pleasing to experience a filial relationship with a virgin from Nazareth who would become His mother, we must arrive at the conclusion that Christ found it necessary for His human nature to become a reality to come to us through a woman, which He created sinless. It is quite mind-blowing...mothers are so sacred and so wonderful that God wanted to have one!

In the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there were many joys and sorrows—many unexpected surprises including the annunciation of a mysterious spiritual being who we call the Archangel Gabriel, who invited her to become the mother of the Messiah. Jesus would be fed by her from the time that he was in her womb and she taught him how to pray the psalms like any good Jewish mother. Mary experienced anguish when she lost her child but joy when she finally found Him in the temple when He was twelve years old.

Loving mothers prefer to pretend that they are satisfied in order to assure that all their children are fed. This is true for biological mothers but also for spiritual mothers. When we reflect on the title “mother” my mind often focuses on Mother Teresa of Calcutta. St. Mother Teresa defended the dignity of human life in all its stages even if this meant that she had to sacrifice a comfortable lifestyle and freely choose to live austere in order to be more attentive to meet the needs of the poorest of the poor because that was her way of living out her spiritual maternity which took care of the physical and spiritual needs of the Missionaries of Charity (which she founded) but also the needy and the vulnerable that she had the privilege to serve.

I pray for all women who struggle with infertility. Know that there are resources approved by the Church. Within our parish we have our very own Stephanie Hamilton who professionally helps couples with this real challenge. Please feel free to reach out to persons like her. I pray for you and I hope you discover how you can live out your maternal role in whichever state of life you find yourself, that is, married, single, separated, divorced, or widow. Remember that your feminine genius is needed now more than ever for the good of your families, and therefore, for the good of the rest of society. A blessed Mother’s Day to all the women of our parish!



It is very fitting that we celebrate Mother’s Day during the Marian month. As we honor the Mother of God, our spiritual mother, we also honor our earthly mothers. On Mother’s Day, we remember with gratitude and affection our mothers, not only through material gifts, but also by our prayers for them. We thank God for the gift of our mothers who gave birth to us, who cared for us, protected us, taught us, and loved us. Many passed on the precious gift of faith to us. We remember all our mothers, living and deceased. We thank them for their generosity and self-giving love.



The next Knights of Columbus/Red Cross Blood drive will be next **Sunday, May 15th at the Deacon Joe**

Center from 8:00AM to 1:00PM along with a breakfast. This will be the last one until the fall. Donating blood is also considered a corporal works of mercy by helping the sick.

A special **Thank You** goes out to our regular donors that show up at almost every drive. I don’t want to mention names for fear of forgetting one but you folks know who you are. The Red Cross depends on regular repeat donors. Donation times have been filling up just before our drives, so sign-up **NOW** to get your preferred time slot.

The Red Cross would like **ALL** donors to sign-up online. Please sign-up online @redcross.org or use the Blood Donor App.



Please join in congratulating the following 2nd grade students who made their First Holy Communion this past weekend. May they continue to grow deeper and deeper in the love for the Eucharist.

Bentley Duncan
Amelia Gibson
Tayton Julian
Mitchell Kohut
Sutton Lowen
Scarlett Schoon
Parker Scott
Ander Swonger

Our 8th grade students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming Wednesday, May 11 at 7 PM here at St. Paul of the Cross, along with the 8th grade students from Immaculate Conception in Ege and St. John Bosco in Churubusco. All are invited to join in on this very special celebration. Please continue to keep them and the rest of our students lifted in prayer that they will continue to grow in faith and to be the Saints they are called to be.

A new kind of Vacation Bible School is coming to St. Paul of the Cross this summer. We will be hosting a Totus Tuus team the week of July 16 -22. The teams consist of two boys and two girls. We are in need of a family to host either the girls or the boys. If you are able to host please contact Anita at anitasenesac@yahoo.com. Please be sure to continue checking the bulletin for further details about this very fun and exciting summer opportunity!

